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CLIMATE AND SPEECH.
Soft Language and Tropical Weather Seem to Go Together.
Gutturals predominate in Norway and Russia, whereas far to the southward in sunny Italy there is a profusion of such euphonious names as Palermo, Verona, Campobello, etc. Even in the British Isles, covering so few degrees of latitude, there is a marked difference between the "bur" of the highlander and the soft speech of the native of southern England.
A theory which may partly account for these climatic effects is based upon the contrast of the stillness which usually pervades southern lands with the stormy inquietude of northern countries. Cloudless skies for months at a time characterize the climates of Italy, while a firmament entirely free from clouds is rare in Norway.
It requires, of course, greater effort to be heard in the regions which are swept by winds and storms than in still southern latitudes, and to be heard distinctly amid the noise and confusion of the elements words must be used which contain many consonants.
Among the inhabitants of more tropical climes the tendency is toward soft and musical cadence, and travelers relate that in regions in South America, such as Peru and Venezuela, where atmospheric disturbances are rare, the natives almost chant the phrases of salutation.—London Saturday Review.

BABIES IN HOLES.
Where Uganda Infants Rest While Their Mothers Hoe.
I have gone into a field in Uganda and there found one of our women at work with a hoe, writes a missionary sister in Donahoe's. I asked her where her baby Maria was, and she pointed to a spot at some distance where the banana trees were thick. I walked under the shade, and in vain I sought the infant. The mother was greatly amused and urged me to search further, assuring me that the little one was not far away and was fast asleep. I had to "give up," so the mother took me by the hand and led me to a bit of bark cloth on the ground. Under this bark was the crown of the baby's head, while the body was in a hole deep enough for the feet to rest on the ground. To my surprise and expostulations she said in her own language: "This is a good custom. When a Uganda woman goes to hoe it is not good for her baby to lie asleep on the ground, as it might injure itself by rolling, or, if it awoke, it might crawl away. Therefore we make a hole like this and line it with soft, clean leaves and put our baby safely into it so that it can neither crawl out nor roll away, and we know exactly where to find it when we come from the fields." She said it was perfectly safe from wild beasts, because it was midday.

In the High Sierras.
Coming down from the high Sierras into the Yosemite valley one passes from almost arctic cold to the warmth of the late spring, and the difference in temperature is easily traceable by the character of the foliage. On the high peaks no green thing flourishes. Gradually stunted pines and tamaracs appear, and still lower the maple and laurel are just beginning to unfold their leaves, and then in a half a day's journey the wild flowers come. Hundreds and hundreds of them of all shapes and colors are found here, and as you approach the rim of the wonderful Yosemite the air is heavy laden with the scent of the wild flowers, and the trail is lined with wild lilacs, wild cherries and dogwood—a perfect riot of flowering shrubbery.—Recreation.

The Reproof.
During the French revolution a priest rode in a tumbrel to the guillotine with two persons—one a marquis, the other a common thief. As the cart jolted through the crowded streets the citizens shouted maledictions on its occupants.
"Down with you, beasts of the aristocracy!"
The marquis smiled proudly, but the criminal was vexed.
"My good friends," he cried, "I am no aristocrat. I am a thief!"
Then the priest touched his arm gently, murmuring:
"Ah, my son, this is no time for vanity!"

Cesar's Appearance.
Julius Caesar was a thin man, tall and with a very wrinkled, seamy countenance. His forehead was broad and full of wrinkles. His eyes were not large, but described as exceedingly bright and quick. His nose was of more than usual size and his chin full and prominent. He walked with a slight, scholarly stoop in his shoulders. His ears stood out well from his head, and his hair was always cut close. Early in life he became bald.

He Recognized Him.
"This," remarked Mr. Sapphead, "is my photograph with my two French poodles. You recognize me, eh?"
"I think so," said Miss Sulfuric.
"You are the one with the hat on, are you not?"—Houston Chronicle.
His Complaint.
Insurance Official—Of what complaint did your father die? Applicant: The jury found him guilty.—London Tit-Bits.

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GET TO WORK.
If the skies look dull to you,
Get to work;
If the atmosphere is blue,
Get to work.
Fostering your discontent
Will not pay the landlord's rent—
Will not gain for you a cent;
Get to work.
Brooding doesn't help your cause,
Get to work;
Nothing gained by picking flaws,
Get to work.
Weak are trampled by the strong?
You a victim of man's wrong?
"Stand the storm; it won't be long,"
Get to work.
It may yield not wealth nor fame;
Much or little, just the same,
If you perish you'll die game,
Get to work.
—Nebraska State Journal.

The Seven Ages.
A little laugh,
A little fun,
A blossom bordered
Way to run.
A getting tall
And serious, too,
And then to school
To labor through.
Then blossom bordered
Ways of love—
Just two on earth
And stars above.
Then to the altar;
Then away
To homely cares
Of every day.
Then joys untold,
Then new delight—
A baby crying
In the night!
Then something more
Than parent's glee,
A grandchild
Climbing on your knee.
And then to sleep;
Green sod above,
But life's worth living
For the love.
—Houston Post.

Too Far from Market.
Soon after the civil war, general Rufus Ingalls, U.S.A., visited a friend in the South. Taking a walk one morning, he met a boy coming up from the river with a fine string of fish.
"What will you take for your fish?" asked the general.
"Thirty cents," was the reply.
"Thirty cents!" repeated the general in astonishment. "Why, if you were in New York you could get three dollars for them."
The boy looked critically at the officer for a moment, and then said scornfully:
"Yes, sah; an' I reckon if I had a bucket of water in hell I could get a million for it."

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Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington D. C., March 3, 1906.
Almost to a certainty, the Philippines will have to wait another session for tariff legislation which the secretary of war and the bureau of insular affairs has declared absolutely necessary for their commercial development. The Payne tariff bill has been killed in committee in the senate, and while it is a possibility that it may be called up by the chairman on resolution on the floor, this course is not considered likely. The vote in the committee is said to have been six to seven. What show the bill would have should it get before the senate is questionable. It passed the house by an almost unanimous vote, but there was foreboding then that something would happen to it in the senate, and it is possible that the opponents of the joint statehood bill will take heart from this defeat of the tariff measure as indicating that their friends have "delivered the goods," on the tariff question, and the combination will work equally well on the statehood proposition. If the action of the senate committee also means the death of the joint statehood bill, many people will think the discomfiture of the islanders was a cheap price to pay for it. The statehood bill has been politics, and small politics at that, from the start. There would be many dry eyes over the demise of the measure. As to the Payne bill, it may be well to recall that it provided for free trade with the islands except in the case of tobacco, rice and sugar. These were to be admitted at 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates whereas they now pay 75 per cent. It was claimed by the opponents of the measure that its passage would mean immediate and immense development of the three crops named with the result of killing these industries in the United States. Consequently the bill has been fought bitterly by the sugar, tobacco and rice interests, which are all very powerful. Whether the forebodings they expressed were well founded, will remain a mystery for some time to come, but the officials who had studied the problem on the ground declared such fears unfounded and said that the passage of the bill would merely mean a general impetus to trade between this country and the archipelago and would never flood the United States with cheap sugar, rice and tobacco.
Senator Delver has come out strongly for the unamended Hepburn rate bill in the senate despite the fact that that senator Tillman is in charge of the measure. The whole rate situation is so beautifully and hopelessly mixed that it is hard to say what the result will be when the smoke of oratory clears away. But it looks as though the question of judicial review would be tackled on to the bill and there might be a couple of other comparatively unimportant amendments. President Roosevelt has expressed himself as satisfied with the amendments proposed, and if he is not nobody thinks he will hesitate much at confiding his views to the senate. He claims now as heretofore that all he wants is action, and he will not stand out on either verbiage or political effect. He was much interested in the fate of the Payne bill and said frankly that it ought to pass. But if there is any really vicious tampering with the rate bill, the White House may be relied on to make itself actively unpleasant. And just how unpleasant it can be on occasion, the present congress has not run the risk of finding out.
If you really want to defeat the live stock transportation bill that is about ready to be reported from the house committee, take a suggestion. Do not waste time in writing to "your congressman." The chances are that the letter will go into the waste basket with nine-tenths of the other mail that his secretary opens and he never sees. Rather go to the lieutenant, who are looking after his "fences" in your own district and impress on them that unpleasant things will happen if he does not line up on the side of humanity when the bill comes to a vote on the floor of the house. The bill in question, which is being strongly fought by the humane society and rightly so, will allow the transportation of livestock on the railroads for thirty six hours without food or water. The secretary of agriculture, who comes from a cattle state and should know better, has been won over by the live stock-shippers and says he is convinced the cattle will suffer less on the longer run than through being hustled in and out of the cars to be watered and fed every twenty eight hours or less. Twenty eight hours is the limit of starvation now allowed by law, but the cattle men want it extended, while the humane society wants either to have it shortened or at least to let it remain stationary. It looks now as though the bill to prolong the sufferings of the cattle would be favorably reported, and the only way to kill it will be on the floor of the house. Congressmen enough will be found to kill it if they are properly impressed. And the way to impress them is by bringing persistent influence to bear on the men who look after their fences at home. That is the way a voter can most readily make his influence really felt.
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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY
Reported weekly for the Ledger.

Living Lamps.—Deep Wells.—The Human Engine's Work.—Rain and Tree-rings.—Longevity and the Will.—Animals Classified by Eyes.—Conquest of Britain.—Powdered Oxygenated Water.—Fly-Worms in the Eyes.—Cooking by Cold.

Considering the phosphorescence of marine animals, Prof. McIntosh states that the light is produced by four distinct methods, viz: (1) By special cells secreting phosphorescent mucus; (2) by special cells that are phosphorescent without any visible secretion; (3) by ordinary tissue under nervous action; and (4) by bacteria. The entire absence of heat is the most striking feature. Though the light of the firefly is cold, to produce it by the usual processes—except the Geissler tube—would require a temperature approaching 2000 degrees; and it is this remarkable economy of energy in nature that leads to the hope of greater efficiency in artificial lighting.

Data respecting 48 wells or borings more than 4000 feet deep are collected by an American hydrologist. Of these the Transvaal has 24; United States 10; Germany, 6; Queensland, 6; New South Wales, 1; South Australia, 1. The deepest are: Paruschowitz, Upper Silesia, Germany, 6,572.6 feet; Schladebach, Germany, 5,735; Springs near Johannesburg, Transvaal, 5,582; West Elizabeth, Pa., 5,575; Doornik-loof, Transvaal, 5,560; Aleppo Pa., 5,322 feet.
The daily work of a grown man has been found by a French physiologist to be about 0.47 horse-power hour. He calculates that 250 workmen at 3 francs per day, or a total of 750 francs, would yield 100 horse-power, which would be supplied by horses at a cost of 60 francs and by gas motor for 3.50 francs.

A close relation between rainfall and tree-growth has been shown by Prof. E. E. Bogue, of Lansing Mich. A fall of 30 to 35 inches gave a width of ring of 0.11 to 0.15 inches, and an abnormally large or small rainfall affected the tree growth of the following year.

Life is not only what we make it, but its length depends very largely upon ourselves. A French psychologist, Jean Pinot, urges that a most important means of prolonging it is auto-suggestion, or will power. He states that the possible life span can be shown theoretically to reach 150 or even 200 years, and that practically it is much greater than is usually imagined. Old age comes prematurely through abuse of auto-suggestion by loss of confidence in our strength and powers. It is pre-eminently essential that we keep cheerful and hopeful, banishing depressing thoughts of the shortness of time and of human frailties, that we remain active, and that we make rational use of the functional organs. Statistics show that the critical period of old age is actually between 80 and 85 after which probabilities favor reaching or exceeding the century mark.

New evidence in evolution—making necessary, certain changes in zoological classification—has been found in the eyes of animals by Dr. Lindsay Johnson, the British ophthalmologist. A most remarkable result is confirmation of Darwin's theory by the fact that the eyes of man and of all apes are practically identical, each having the highly complex system of veins and arteries and the direct or parallel vision. In going down the animal scale, the eye gets further and further from parallel vision. The dog is found to have two ancestors in the round-eyed hyena and the oval-eyed bear, though the raccoon, the hare and other animals exposed to pursuit can see all around and all the rodentia squint. The ophthalmoscope proves the horse to be related to the camel and other tropical animals, its puzzling eye-pigment being the same, with the evident function of protecting from sunlight.
In the 33 years ending with 1900 England lost from the wearing away of its coasts 41,378 acres, estimated in the report of the surveys to have a value of \$5,000,000. As the gain from new land deposited has been deducted, the total denudation was considerably greater.

What may be called powder of hydrogen peroxide, or oxygenated water, is an interesting discovery claimed by M. Joubert, a French medical man. The substance is perborate of soda, and when placed in water it yields a solution having all of the properties of free and chemically pure oxygenated water and all of those of borate of soda. It can be preserved indefinitely in the form of powder. The solution is affirmed to fill the place of the non-poisonous and odorless oxygenated water as an antiseptic, and to be free from the occasional irritating acidity of that much used antiseptic. It also serves in the place of oxygenated water for arresting nasal and other hemorrhages.

Destruction of the eyesight by worms is the singular case recorded in France by M. J. Cloquet. An old man fell asleep, when the bad odor from his body attracted flies, which laid eggs in great number under his eyelids, on his cheeks, and on other parts of his body. The eggs produced larvae in a few days. These

soon caused abscesses, and when the man sought aid at a hospital a large quantity of worms was removed. These had produced blindness by perforating the eyes.

Experiments with meat in liquid air and vegetables in cold of less degree have shown effects very like those of cooking. Potatoes that had been frozen were found by Dr. Ephraim Cutter to be shrunken, limp, soft, elastic and sweet-tasting and he concludes that they might be safely eaten. Onions, cranberries and squashes were similarly changed. Tested with copper sulphate, the frozen vegetables gave the reaction for cooked food, but some of the starch grains polarized light while cooking by heat destroys polarization.
The investigation of a German physicist has shown the so-called ether to have about the same density as electrons, and he concludes that these ultra-atomic particles may make up the inconceivably thin atmosphere of space.

JACKSON SCHOOL REPORT.
First grade.—Pupils neither absent nor tardy during sixth month:—Willie Hambrick, Owen Fallon, James Martell, Clifford Seymour, Penton Daugherty, Charles Jeffery, Roy Mattley, Irving Nettie, Willie Blackwell, Guido Dall'ama, Christina Marella, Grace Kelly, Elena Dall'ama Mary Scatena, Louise Barbagelata, Alice Mattley, Alice Batchelder.
Highest percentages in class:—James Martell 95 6-7, Elena Dall'ama 94 13-14.
Second grade.—Pupils neither absent nor tardy during sixth month:—Henry Cassinelli, Melbourne Thane.
Highest percentages in class:—Henry Cassinelli 97 5-7, Vivian Buich 94 2-7.
Nettie E. B. Morrow, teacher.

Third grade.—Perfect in attendance:—Enrico Cuneo, Rowena Daugherty, Wallace Fraser, James Goss, Emerson Harrington, Gerna Kirkwood, Dorothy Kimmel, Leland Kohler, Violet Leam, Will Mehan, Fay Mello, Mildred Oliver, Henrietta O'Neil, Helen Rust, Samuel Savage, Howard Smith, Ernest Sam, Hoyt Vicini, Marie Weller, Evans Winning.
Highest standings in class:—Helen Rust 96 1/2, Henrietta O'Neil 95 1/2.

Second grade.—Perfect in attendance:—Ira Argove, Lily Daley, Clifford Guerdar, Scott Harrington, Marion Hurst, Helen Kelley, Denman Lester, Matthew Muldoon, Martin Veramenta.
Highest standings in class:—Anna Conlon 94 3/4, Denman Lester 93 1/4.
Agnes Newman, teacher.

Fifth grade.—Pupils perfect in attendance during the month of February:—Clara Pesce, Agnes Thane, Lucy Heath, Dorothy Heiser, Rosie Vigne, Nettie Tuson, Edna Lasswell, Melina Dragolovich, George Williams, George Radinich, John Glavinich, Andrew Perovich, Cory Lester, Leonard Waters, Stuart Waters.
Highest standing in class:—Nettie Tuson 96, Dorothy Heiser 95 4-12, Edna Lasswell 95 2-12.

Fourth grade.—Pupils perfect in attendance:—Janie Nettie, Selina Citi, Ernest Marenzi, Hayden Loughton, Alex Barbagelata, Willis Carley, Matthew Perlanda.
Highest standing in class:—Janie Nettie. 93, Wallace Jones 92, Cecil Karl 91.

Margaret E. Devan, teacher.
Sixth grade.—Those perfect in attendance during February:—Ortense Guerdar, Amelia Holder, Anita Winnig, Edith Dalpola, Russell Seymour, Del Norte Winnig, Willie Bartle, Hilmar Earl, Leland Ham-mack, John Love, Leon Schwartz, Emerson Herrick, John Turner, Marion Calvin, Harold Flagg, Edward Muldoon.
Highest standing class:—John Love 94 6-13, Amelia Holder 94.

Fifth grade.—Those perfect in attendance:—Hazel Zumbiel, Inez Tam, Vera Flumer, Ellen Hambrick, Margaret Fraser, Chris Savich, Frank Lewis, Alfonso Burgin, Steve Sangunetti.
Highest standing in class:—Lena Fischer 93 1/2, Frank Lewis 93 2-3.

Mary Bernecich, teacher.
Seventh grade.—Those perfect in attendance:—Luke Glavinich, Verne Keffler, Eder Picardo, Alma Witte, Albertine Lester, Violet Love, Mamie Cassinelli, Harry Leam, Willie Horst, Lucy Perovich, Ray Witte, George Flumer, Katie Fregdila, Edward Koehler, Leslie Love, Alfred Tucker, Ward Kent, Charlie Morie.
Highest standing in class:—Albertine Lester 97 1/2, Leslie Love 96 7-12.

Anna M. McLaughlin, teacher.
Eighth grade.—Those perfect in attendance:—Lena Podesta, Augustus Marre, Odo Ginochico, Edna Palmer, Lorentis Love, Elsie Norman, Elmer Clark, Kate Walkemeister, Ruth Post, Beatrice White, Ralph Dicken, Ida Smith, John Delahide, Mary Morie, Lena Ashman, Annie Love, Lillie Davalle.
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Highest standing in class:—Bertha Eudey No. 1, 95 4-11, Hilda Ham-mack No. 2, 94 9-11.
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In Struggling Cuba.
From Salinas Index.
During the Cuban revolution all my father's family except myself were strong supporters of the Spanish government. Indeed, my father, Senor Emilio Cardenas, was so open in his advocacy of the Spanish cause that the revolutionists vowed in case they ever came into possession of his hacienda they would burn the buildings. It was a sad day when I bade goodbye to my mother to join the Cuban rabble that called themselves an army. The saddest parting of all was with Senorita Margarita Echarte, the governess of my little brothers and sisters. Margarita had descended from an excellent Spanish family, but they had become impoverished, and she was therefore obliged to earn her own living. She was a girl of strong character, and at the same time of an amiable disposition. We had long been secret lovers, but our relation had only been discovered the day before my departure. Indeed, my going was all that saved Margarita from being turned out upon the world, for my parents had no thought of my marrying a penniless girl.
A great change came over the cause of free Cuba when the American troops came to help us, or, rather, to take the burden from our shoulders. At the time of their arrival I was in western Cuba, and was glad when we started to join them near Santiago, for it was in that province that my father's hacienda lay, and I was anxious to get a glimpse of Margarita. We were marching one morning south-eastward within a few miles of my home. Every turn in the road, every wood, every house, was familiar to me, and I counted the miles till I should come to the dear old place.
On reaching a point half a mile distant I descried a camp which from its untidy appearance I knew to be occupied by my comrades. We drew nearer to the old home. At the gate way I left the ranks and went up to the house, which I was pleased to see was still standing. As I mounted the steps, who should come out of the door but Margarita, but what astonished me was that she was handsomely dressed in my sister's clothes, and moved as if she were the mistress of the hacienda.
"Margarita!" I exclaimed.
She put her finger to her lip to impose silence. Then she looked about, and seeing no one within hearing distance, she said in a low voice:
"The Cubans and Americans came near together, the Cubans first. We

feared only the former, and had no confidence in the Americans keeping them from wreaking vengeance upon us. Your father died, and the rest of the family are concealed in the garret."
"Not a safe place," I remarked, "it they had burned the house."
"We had," no time to concoct plans. When the Cuban troops came in below the family rushed upstairs and locked themselves in the garret and when an officer—he proved to be the commander—came up and asked for the people belonging to the place I thought it best to put on a bold front.
"I am Senorita Cardenas," I said, with all the dignity I could assume. "The others of the family are away. What means this intrusion?"
"Pardon me, senorita. If this is the Cardenas property my orders are to burn it."
"Whose orders?"
"He winced at this, and, being ashamed of playing the vandal, told me that he would do all in his power to save the property. Since then I have been playing a part. To carry out my character as your sister I am wearing her dresses and conducting myself as mistress of the house."
At that moment a young Cuban officer came up the steps, and, seeing me talking with Margarita, glared at me.
"Colonel Ferrarez," said Margarita, "this is Captain Cardenas."
"Captain Cardenas? Your brother?"
"Of course," stammered Margarita, coloring.
"Captain, I am delighted to see you," said the colonel, turning from frowns to smiles. "I have desired to meet some of your family for an important purpose. I humbly ask your sister's hand."
Margarita turned red as a rose. I turned scarlet from anger. Then, upon second thought, it occurred to me that she might have been encouraging the man to protect the family and the property.
"Colonel," I said, "the lady has been obliged to prevaricate, no doubt to save these premises. She is not my sister. She is my betrothed. If, however, she prefers you to me, I will resign her to you. It is for her to choose."
It flashed over him that he had been deceived, and his vindictive feelings got the better of him.
"I shall carry out my orders," he hissed.
"You will carry out no orders to the injury of this family. My regiment has just marched by, and I can recall it in a moment. I will trouble you to vacate the premises."
He half drew his revolver, but suddenly becoming ashamed of his action put it back, raised his hat deferentially to Margarita and went away.
Margarita and I went upstairs, and when the family saw me and knew they had the protection of a Cuban officer they fell upon my neck. They realized also that they were under a far greater obligation to Margarita, who had saved the property. My mother embraced her and told her and me that she would do all in her power to induce my father to give his consent to our union. In this she succeeded, and when Cuba became free we were bound in wedlock's chains.—Wendell C. McLean.

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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1906

Revise the Schedule.

The Ledger has at different times urged a revision of the printing schedule, as adopted by the board of supervisors nearly ten years ago, and continued in force from year to year ever since. This schedule, even when originally adopted, was vague and unintelligible in several ways. It is also very incomplete and unsatisfactory, both from the standpoint of the local printers and the county. We have therefore on more than one occasion urged its thorough revision, as a protection to the county treasury, and also to bring it to up-to-date requirements. At one time we filed a written request to this effect with the clerk of the board, still nothing was done.

We again feel it a duty on our part to urge this matter, the urgent necessity for which has been brought to our notice accidentally. The fact that under the existing financial methods, the itemized bills, after being allowed, and paid, are stowed away in the vaults of the treasurer's office, tends to prevent detection and exposure of overcharges. Unless some inkling is had from outside sources, these bills are not investigated after they reach their burial place in the vaults named. If anyone wants to see a particular bill, he can do so by personal application to the treasurer for the particular bill required. But this is rarely done. The assumption is that the bills are reasonable, otherwise they would not be allowed by the supervisors. Where the charges are supposed to be governed by a schedule fixed by the board, this assumption becomes stronger, and seldom indeed is any effort made to look "behind the returns."

Now, we have been informed, and ere this we should have settled the matter by personal investigation had it not been for the fact that the treasurer is sick and unable to attend his office, that the county has for a long time past paid at the rate of four and five cents apiece for the blanks upon which are made out the claims against the county. A large number of these blanks are used every year, and they can be and doubtless are ordered in lots of more than a thousand at a time. It must strike any ordinary business man that such a price for billheads must be an extraordinary charge. Billheads for a mercantile firm can be had at \$5 per thousand. Why the county should pay eight times that price for its "blanks" is beyond our comprehension. We have no hesitation in saying that blanks fully as serviceable and covering all legal requirements could be secured by the county at the same cost. This class of work is not specifically covered by the schedule rates, and hence the opportunity for over charge. There are many other things in the printing line left out of the schedule list, and therefore liable to out-of-sight rates, if not closely watched. We do not object to good stiff prices for work not included in the regular list, especially if the rates specified in the schedule are in several respects exceedingly low. But that list, in justice to the taxpayers ought to include every class of printing required in the regular routine of the county's business. Because it does not do this, but leaves vast gaps to be filled at the caprice of the printer, and to pass muster before the board, the members of which are not conversant enough with such matters to detect the jokers, we again ask that the printing rates be reestablished on a more satisfactory basis—a basis that will be just to the county and at the same time shut out outrageous charges.

The scheme of joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona was defeated in the United States senate. The proposition concerning those territories was simply stricken from the bill. It leaves the territories just where they were before, and has undoubtedly deferred their entrance as separate states for many years to come. But that is far preferable to the distasteful union proposed. The people of Arizona went wild with jubilation when the defeat of the unseemly alliance was flashed over the wires.

To Candidates.
 Candidates for town offices who are to be voted for on April 9th, may be nominated by the petition of electors. The petition must be signed by qualified voters of the town equal in number to three per cent. of votes cast at the last municipal election. One of the signers must certify to the other signatories.

The petition be filed with the town clerk before the 20th day of March. Blanks may be obtained from the clerk.

Registration for the municipal election closes on the 15th day of March for all who were not registered at the last general election. The old register will be used for the coming town election, together with a supplement containing the names of new voters.

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The Church Problem.

The Rev. C. E. Winning last Sunday evening discussed the church problem—the indifference that prevails in regard to church work, and the remedies therefor—as viewed from the public standpoint. The previous week he submitted to a number of representative men of Jackson—editors, lawyers, doctors, officials, etc., a list of seven questions, which they were requested to answer, giving their candid views on the propositions, which answers formed the theme of his evening's discourse.

These questions and replies are as follows:

1. As you see it, of what benefit to our community are our churches?

Answers.—Editor—"They have a wholesome moral influence, especially upon the minds of the young."

City father—"I think the churches are beneficial in that they cause people to assemble together frequently, and thus get better acquainted with each other, and thus get the benefit of an exchange of ideas, besides cultivating a closer friendship to each other."

Mining man—"They are the foundation and moral support, without which our community cannot progress."

County official—"At the present time they are at a beckoning finger held up to warn us, and endeavor to lead our wavering steps into the straight and narrow path, and as it is said that, 'a constant dropping weareth away the stone,' so in time will the churches and church influence be a hand stretched forth to grasp and to hold us from the path of evil."

Another official—"Beneficial because of the moral lessons taught therein."

Another—"They are one of the great factors in our community for its advancement."

City official—"As a believer in the universality of good, I cannot doubt that the churches are of some benefit, else they would not be. If nothing else, they are a nucleus for future growth, a power for good, in posse."

A lawyer—"Churches are good civilizers, give employment to many persons, exert a wholesome restraint upon the natural tendency of the animal man. A little more literal hell fire should be preached, as the great masses of mankind can only be made good by fear."

Physician—"The church is a body of Christians, collectively, a congregation of faithful men to whom the pure word of God is preached, morals taught, charity and benevolence fostered, sorrows assuaged, disturbed minds mitigated, fears of impending danger mitigated and allayed, serenity and peace to despairing spirits established by faith in Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer."

Question 2.—Are the churches in your opinion accomplishing the work, which you think they should accomplish?

Answers—"I think not. Many of the dogmas of the church are not accepted by the masses, and do not count as a power of restraint upon the human passions."

"Positively no; there is lack of faith in the lessons submitted and a want of sufficient interest therein to excite inquiry and investigation."

"They are not doing all they should do. They do not as a body practice the charity they preach, as many of the fraternal orders do."

"No, because they have not yet become sufficiently emancipated from the narrowness of the old school of religious thought and because of inefficient business management."

"Not to the extent that we should like; since the antagonistic forces are very strong."

Question 3.—Is our community growing better or worse?

Answers—"There is a steady improvement."

"Both socially and morally our community is growing better."

"I have not been able to notice any great change in the morals of the community for the last ten years."

"Our community is the same as it has been for the last ten years."

A mining man answers: "The community could be improved if the parents of the children would take the interest in them that they should. Parents should set an example for the rising generation."

"I believe on the whole our community is growing better, socially as well as morally."

"Decidedly, it is growing better. I cannot believe in anything less than progress. This world knows no such thing as retrogression."

Question 4.—What is the most prolific source of evil in Amador county?

Answer—"I've attribute it mainly to indulgence in intoxicating liquor, and the number of saloons."

One answers: "Greed of wealth, position and pleasure."

Another replies, "The drifting population, non-enforcement of law, and evils incident to a mining community."

An official says: "Intellectual apathy is the greatest deterrent of progress."

Question 5.—Can you suggest a remedy for the evils in Amador county?

To this a physician answers: Restrict the concessions of dispensing liquor, and a healthier moral tone and more positive self-respect will follow.

The mining man answers: "High license would suppress many of the deadfalls which are now a menace to our young men and women. A strict enforcement of the law relating to the sale of liquors and gambling. Officers are needed, who are not afraid of offending some man who is too lazy to work, and hence runs a gin mill."

Another says: "Law enforcement is the remedy."

A county official answers: "Have more attractive homes, and better home influence. A constant watchful care over the young, and the attendance of the parents with their children in all public gatherings. Increased interest in education, and the consequent betterment of our educational institutions."

County officials: "Strict enforcement of household regulations, and more marriages."

Lawyer—"A rigid moral home will, as a rule arise, generally speaking, a family of industrious sons and daughters—each of which will tend to the increased self-respect of the community."

Editor—"Careful home training of the children at an early age, when life habits are in process of formation, providing forms of innocent amusement as they grow older to counteract the tendency of the saloons in this respect."

City official—"Keep overhauling at it. Endeavor to perfect the knowledge we have, and teach what we learn to others. Education means strength and character, and through character we earn salvation."

Lawyer—"Visit your neighbors often, extend the right hand of fellowship to people of all religious denominations, say your prayers morning and evening in the right spirit, pay your pastors a good living salary (turkeys and yellow-legged chickens thrown in) and there will be a great social and moral reformation."

Question 6.—What causes the seeming indifference to social and moral reform, and why is so little interest taken in church work?

Answer.—Editor—"Lack of proper training of the children. Also a decline of faith in doctrinal teachings, not in the moral principles of Christianity, which are universally accepted as correct."

Educator gives as an explanation—"The class of people we have to deal with is largely of foreign extraction, and when they come here they get into easy and careless ways, and many of them are illiterate."

County officer—"I can account for the indifference in no other way than as the result of our cosmopolitan population, whose customs in their countries in relation to the manner of passing the Sabbath differs so far from ours. Also business hours are so long and the duties so confining that the people yield to the desire for outdoor freedom on the day of rest."

City official—"The reason so little interest is taken in church work is owing to the general impression that the church members as a rule do not follow the advice they give. They fail to obey the biblical injunction, 'Love thy neighbors as thyself.' This is especially noticeable in the fact that the different church organizations do not fraternize together and work in harmony for the general good. In fact, it is seldom that they are willing to worship in the same building or preach from the same pulpit."

County officer—"Individual fear of criticism."

Physician—"The community has been torn asunder by recent events in church circles, and church circles have not yet found their normality; but time and tact will overcome this deplorable condition, and the pews of our places of worship will be filled again."

City official—"What we need is an up-to-date interest in the church—a living in touch with the spirit of the present, appealing to the minds as well as the emotions of the people. If the church would do more preaching to itself and less to the ones outside the pale, it would be better equipped to accomplish its work."

Mining Man—"The fraternal organizations, the whist clubs and the progressive enche parties are detrimental, and cause indifference to social and moral reform and church work, because the interests created by these leave no time for home or thoughts of the hereafter. Man is willing to hazard the future and does not seriously view the fact that all must die."

A railroad company is bound by the terms of its franchise. In Yolo county the board of supervisors are taking proceedings to annual certain privileges granted by a franchise to an electric road on the ground that the contract had not been lived up to, in that the road had not been built to the point specified in the franchise.

The Right Idea.

One would think the laxative idea in a cough syrup should have been advanced long before it was. It seems the only rational remedy for coughs and colds would be to move the bowels and clean the mucous membranes of the throat and lungs at the same time. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar does this. It is the original Laxative cough syrup, the best known remedy for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Tastes good and harmless. Sold by F. W. Risher.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. H. C. RUST, JUDGE.

James Devine vs Joseph Fischer.—Action dismissed.

Wilford Dennis vs Matilda Dennis.—Stipulation filed extending time for plaintiff to answer.—Cross complaint filed. Hearing continued until March 17.

Estate of Charles W. Trotter.—James L. Fontenrose, Frank Burgin and Wm. Schroeder appointed appraisers. Petition for sale of real estate. Inventory and appraisal filed, property valued at \$1800 filed; April 7th appointed for hearing same.

Estate of E. J. Klein.—Final account settled and allowed.

Estate of P. Peiser.—Continued until March 17.

Estate of Dorinda Dawson.—Continued until March 17.

Estate of A. Arata.—Decree settling final account and distribution of estate.

New Cases.

Estate of Gideon Devore.—Charles J. Devore petitions for letters of administration. Deceased died January 6, 1903, leaving real estate consisting of the N E 1/4 of N E 1/4 9-7-9, valued at \$400. Petitioner is the son of deceased, other heirs are Chas. G. Devore of Forest Home, and Gideon R. Devore residing at Sacramento, a son, and Elizabeth J. Devore, widow of deceased. March 17 appointed for hearing.

Estate of Charles Smith.—Martha E. Smith petitions for letters. Deceased died February 16, 1906, leaving real and personal property, comprising lot 5 block 4 Sutter Creek, and a certain agreement relating to the Mitchell mine. The value of the estate does not exceed \$1500. The heirs are petitioner, aged 61, widow of deceased, Mary Annie Norton, 36, both of Sutter Creek, Miranda Golder, 34, of Los Angeles, and Chas. T. Smith, 30.

Estate of Serafina Garaventa.—Luigi Garaventa petitions for letters. Deceased died on January 24, 1906. The estate comprises part of lot 10 block 1, Jackson, valued at \$750, and personal property valued at \$55. The widow of deceased applies for letters of administration; there are four sons and one daughter; all residing in Jackson, and aged from 18 to 5 years. March 24 appointed for hearing.

Martina Truman vs. Ora W. Jaycox, Frank R. Mills, Carrie W. Valle, and others.—Suit to recover \$1300 due on a promissory note dated August 4, 1905, payable one year after date, with interest at one per cent per month, and compounded if not paid monthly. In November 1905, the rate of interest was reduced to 8 per cent. Suit is brought for the principal and interest from November, and for foreclosure of mortgage given on 17 1/2 acres of mining land in Amador and El Dorado counties known as the Pension placer claim, with \$50, for attorney fees. F. N. Goldsby of Oakland is attorney for plaintiff.

Estate of C. W. Trotter.—Sale of real estate consisting of Amador Gold mine and other claims in Hunt's gulch to W. F. Detert for \$1700 confirmed.

People vs. Samuel Swearingen.—On account of sickness of defendant's counsel, D. B. Spagnoli, defendant allowed until March 24, to plead to indictment.

All kinds of harness from \$15 up at Pete Piccardo's.

We are in receipt of the first issue of the Calaveras News, a weekly paper started at Angels, Calaveras county. It is published by the Calaveras News Publishing Co., with Thomas F. Laird, editor, and Harvey D. Calvin, formerly of this county, as assistant. The paper is a five column, eight page sheet, and supports the socialistic doctrines, and the political organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World—founded it is claimed for the interest of the working classes.

Next Tuesday, March 20, is the last day for candidates nominated by petition to have their names printed on the official ballots for the approaching city election. The petition must be filed before that day, with the city clerk, otherwise they will lose a place on the ticket. Voters will have to write the names of candidates announcing themselves in any way after that date in the blank spaces left on the ballots for that purpose.

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GLAVINICH—In Jackson, March 13, 1906, to the wife of Nick Glavinich, a son.

MARRIED.

HIGLEY-ANDERSON—In Jackson March 10, 1906, by Rev. C. E. Winning, George A. Higley of Electra to Florence L. Anderson, of Jackson.

DIED.

BOVINICH—In the county hospital, March 13, 1906, Antone Bovinich, a native of Austria, aged 70 years.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels open, and be well. Force, in the shape of violent physic or pill poison, is dangerous. The smoothest, easiest, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take

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Letter From Wallace.

Thinking a few pen scratches from this busy little place, called Wallace, might be of some interest to some of the many readers of the Ledger, I will venture to give a brief outline of this thriving station, which is located in the western part of Calaveras county, on the S. T. R. R. branch running from Lodi to Valley Springs, and is about midway between the two latter places. Considerable freight is discharged here. The Mokelumne Mining Company, the town of Camanche and other nearby places all draw their supplies from here.

Alec Kier owns and runs the wagon and blacksmith shop here, and is doing a good business, as he is a first class mechanic, and is up-to-date in all his work. He has also a paint shop, which is often used as a dance hall, and many are the good times that are had by the lovers of music and dancing.

Peterson Bros. are running a store here, also the post office and express office, and are also freight and ticket agents. John Morrow is proprietor and manager of the Wallace saloon, and being a man of wide experience in this line of business knows how to treat a customer, and can mix drinks to suit a queen's taste.

It was here on the 15th of last December the writer made a rich discovery of gold, on his lot at a depth of 12 feet, where the bedrock, or more properly speaking, lava formation was encountered. On the 25th of December I took three pans of gravel from the bottom of the shaft, which yielded \$15.35 of the yellow metal. This find created quite an excitement in the town, and a number of holes have been sunk by lot owners, but so far only two or three parties have been lucky enough to strike it.

The pay gravel varies in thickness from one to three feet, and is of a cement nature and very hard; consequently the work of extracting it is very slow, which is done by drifting. J. C. Esmond has a good claim on his place in the eastern part of town. Mr Esmond has taken as high as \$3.40 from his claim to the pan.

A Mr Rolle has leased 1 acre of ground from Mrs Russell, adjoining town, for the purpose of prospecting. He has started five holes, but has only been able to reach the lava in one or two of them, owing to the great amount of surface water he has to contend with. The land in and around the town is so flat it makes draining it impossible. So on this account further prospecting is suspended for a time, but when the rains cease this surface water will soon disappear, and then prospecting will be resumed. The coming of summer will probably set many a pick and shovel to work, and the opinion is a number of rich strikes will be made.

Wallace, March 14.

J. E. HAMRICK.

A Friend That Was a Friend.

Don't frown—look pleasant. If you are suffering from indigestion or sour stomach, take Kodol dyspepsia cure. Hon. Jake Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., says: "I suffered more than 20 years with indigestion. A friend recommended Kodol. It relieved me in one day, and I now enjoy better health than for many years. Kodol digests what you eat, relieves sour stomach, gas on stomach, belching, etc. Sold by F. W. Risher."

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

It has been like spring weather for the last few days.

The trustees of this district held a stormy meeting last Monday night. I hear that Miss Billalot of Olea, will teach the spring term in said district.

W. Hale is constructing a fence around his homestead; for crookedness it has no equal in this county.

M. Fitzgerald, who has just become the father of the twelfth child, all living, is one of the happiest old boys of this neighborhood. As for singing a song or dancing a jig he has few equals.

Miss Louise McLaughlin, who is teaching the Williams school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs A. B. McLaughlin.

A. Oneta is a frequent visitor to this district.

Miss Allah Keffer is visiting relatives near home.

Mr. Morgan has taken a contract to cut 175 cords of wood for the Rancheria Mining Company.

I hear that the wedding bells will be ringing in the near future in this district.

Foxy Bill.

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The old, original Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure no pay. 50c.

Mrs Therese Neubeaumer, a native of Chili, aged 70 years, died at her home northwest of Springfield at three o'clock Tuesday morning of smallpox, which disease she had in a very malignant form. The funeral took place the same day, the interment being in the old Springfield cemetery. The deceased was an old and respected resident of the county, and her friends learned of her sad death with sincere regret.

The disease was contracted by Miss Neubeaumer, who was a professional nurse of San Francisco, and returned home not knowing the nature of her illness, when she communicated the dread malady to her mother and sister. Both the young women are now convalescing.—Tuolumne Independent.

Don't Get The Habit.

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EVERY ACT NEW.

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JACKSON, March 26th.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

Deeds—S. T. Seamen et ux to James Wilson, 1 acre in 24-5-9, \$20.

Mortgages—Louis H. Cook to John F. Clute, lot 2 block 6, Volcano, \$100, one day, 4 per cent per annum.

Assignment of Mortgage—Chamberlain to Turman.

Satisfaction of Mortgage—People's Savings Bank to Wood.

Cayegano to Garbarini.

Capone to Conconi.

Order—Estate of C. W. Trotter, order filed confirming sale.

Decree of Distribution—Estate of Andrea Arata; decree of distribution filed.

Attachment—Emma J. Ledoux vs. Samuel H. Cole, lots 7 and 12 of Peck's addition, Jackson; demand \$25.50.

Locations—Wm. Clark Sherwood et al locate the William Tell mine, Volcano district.

Proof of Labor—Otis W. Rinehart on Last Chance mine in Volcano district.

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TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL

This table gives the highest and lowest temperature in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as recorded by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office.

Date.	Temp. L. H.	Temp. U. H.	Rainfall.
1. (100)	30	60	Mar. 17 (100)
2.	36	51	38
3.	40	58	38
4.	39	60	38
5.	38	58	38
6.	38	58	38
7.	38	58	38
8.	38	58	38
9.	38	58	38
10.	38	58	38
11.	38	58	38
12.	38	58	38
13.	38	58	38
14.	38	58	38
15.	38	58	38
16.	38	58	38
17.	38	58	38
18.	38	58	38
19.	38	58	38
20.	38	58	38

Total rainfall for season to date... 23.47 inches
Corresponding period last season 22.17

LOCAL NEWS

Coming this month with a fine line of seasonable goods at right prices.

Teesdale, "the peddler."

Frank Podesta has built a substantial wood sidewalk in front of his residence and business premises on Broadway.

Mrs. M. Hayford, came up from the city with Miss M. A. Gass, as an experienced milliner, to introduce the p-to-date styles for the coming season.

Mrs. P. Lepley went to Plymouth for a visit, taking her daughter, Annie with her, and while there the latter was taken seriously ill and they sent for her father, Perry Lepley last Friday. He returned Monday evening, the girl being much improved, though not able to be brought home or a few days.

Saturday afternoon in the parlors of the National hotel, George A. Igle of Electra, where he is foreman for the Standard Electric Company, was married to Miss Florence Anderson of Minnesota.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Winning of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was witnessed by a half a dozen friends of the groom.

The young lady is a stranger in our community, but Mr. Hingley is well known and popular among all his friends. They have taken up their abode at Electra.

Geo. Luce went to San Francisco this week, to meet his brother, who is in business there.

Johnny Chinn last Friday fell on a winging chair, in the yard of his father's premises, cutting a gash in his knee, which required three stitches to close. He has been getting around on crutches since.

Silas Perry returned to his home in Sacramento Sunday, after spending a few days with his relatives here.

The urn containing the cremated remains of Richard Vorlander were forwarded by express to his relatives in Germany week before last. The express charges, clear through to their destination, amounted to \$2.75.

Mrs. Elsie S. Hart of Ingot, has been awarded an interlocutory decree of divorce in Sacramento county, from Albert C. Hart, on the ground of desertion. The latter is said to be a resident of Amador City.

Mrs. Charles Righter, wife of the druggist at Spagnoli's drug store came up from San Francisco Tuesday evening. They have taken rooms at the Patterson residence.

On Saturday, St. Patrick's day there will be high mass in the Catholic church at 10 o'clock.

Don't miss St. Patrick's day entertainment, "Twixt Love and Money" in Love's hall, March 17.

C. Gilbert is fitting up one of his houses for Mr. Zumbiel and family, who expect to move in about the 20th.

The basket ball game which was played in Ingot last Saturday between the Ingot and Stockton teams, resulted in favor of Ingot, the score being 9 to 3.

A surgical operation of an urgent character was performed on Lester Greenwood in San Francisco, shortly after his arrival in the city with his mother, about a month ago. He is about 16 years of age. The precise nature of the operation we have not learned.

About midnight last Tuesday one of the houses in the red light district was entered by some unknown party, and the room of one of the inmates, Frankie Walton was robbed of between \$30 and \$40. The two women occupants were away at the time, but their absence was not longer than 10 or 15 minutes. The burglar was not satisfied with taking the money, but also abused the furniture.

Don't forget the Jackson Shoe Store has a new ad. Look at it, read it, and get in line with the majority, and get bargains. Jackson Shoe Store.

There will be regular services at the Methodist church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. E. Winning, the pastor invites strangers and non-churchgoers to attend.

The Alpi reservoir near Scottsville broke yesterday, and the water tore out a small bridge near York's saloon at Butte City, stopping traffic for the day.

Alfonso Ginochio left yesterday morning for San Francisco, to purchase his spring stock.

MORE LOCALS.

Chas. Williams, son of the late S. E. Williams, started for his home in Calaveras county Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by Theodore Crocker, who took the trip for the purpose of looking around the immense works in progress near Vallecito, for the new light and power company that recently commenced work on a big dam there. A large number of men are employed on this undertaking.

Payette Mace, jr., of near Ingot submitted to a surgical operation on one of his toes last Thursday.

Jacob Van Natter, the centenarian, was seized with a sinking spell Wednesday. He rallied, but has been extremely weak since. He has passed the 102d anniversary of his birth—the oldest inhabitant of the state at the present time.

Clint. Ratcliffe night watchman at the Kennedy mine, is having a vacation. T. J. Seymour has taken his place until he returns. He is gradually recovering the sight of the eye that was so severely injured a few weeks ago by being cut with a strand of wire. He has well-founded hopes that the sight will ultimately be fully restored.

Milard Phillips came from Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday on a visit to his cousin, Dr. Phillips.

West Moore is laid up with rheumatism in his back, at the National hotel.

Vic Chichizola went to San Francisco Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Dr. Gall left last Thursday for Stockton, and from thence went to San Francisco, where she is at present.

Mrs. A. H. Kuhlman left yesterday morning for a protracted stay with her relatives in Napa county. The furniture of the residence on Water street has been sold to Jos. Phelps, who will at once move into the house. Mr. Kuhlman says he will remain in Jackson, that he has no intention of leaving this field of labor.

Ginochio Bros. have taken out the show window from the Main street frontage of their store. This action gave birth to all sorts of reports. It was construed as an initial step of the city authorities in ordering all projecting show windows to be removed. We are informed that there is no foundation for this report. This show window was taken out because it was never used for the display of goods, and by throwing it back in line with the wall, more light would be afforded inside. The order to this effect was given before the incorporation of Jackson. The trustees had nothing whatever to do with it.

A number of friends of Miss Emma Johns gathered at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johns, on Broadway street last Tuesday evening, to bid her farewell on the eve of her departure for San Francisco, to learn the dressmaking business. She left yesterday morning, accompanied by her mother.

W. H. Steffler, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Hall, came over from San Andreas last Saturday, for the purpose of selling the real property belonging to the estate.

Mrs. Elsie Brown of San Francisco, and her sister, Mrs. Burnham of Boston, Mass., are visiting their uncle's family, M. S. Matson, for a few days.

Mr. Sinclair and family moved into one of Geo. W. Brown's houses near the school house last week.

The observance of Arbor day by the Native Daughters has been changed until the 30th of March, on account of the inclemency of the weather. They expect to plant American elm trees from the Chinese cemetery to the Catholic cemetery, a distance of about 600 feet. The school children are going to assist in the exercises, and all other fraternal lodges are cordially invited to attend in a body and swell the ranks.

At last accounts George Boorman was doing very nicely, but expected to undergo a third operation Monday, to remove a piece of bone that protruded. He was struck by a moving train at Shingle Springs some time ago.

When you wish the finest flavored coffees and teas, remember that W. J. Nettle keeps only the best.

The Native Daughters sent a couple of large sized boxes towards the rummage sale, which is either the last of this month, or the first of April, in San Francisco. The proceeds to go to the Native Daughters' home.

Curtis H. Lindley, the well-known attorney, and former superior judge of this county, has purchased Mrs. Johanna Joliffe's residence in San Francisco, on Pacific avenue. The price paid was \$19,750.

Mrs. T. K. Norman went to Plymouth last Monday, to visit friends.

Mrs. J. W. Gottle's daughter, Miss Stewart, is suffering from diphtheria in San Francisco at the county hospital, where she is training to be a nurse. The crisis has passed, and she is in a fair way to recovery.

Antonio Chichizola, an uncle of the Chichizola family of Jackson Gate and Amador City, died in San Francisco March 13, and was buried on Thursday.

Get the weak spots in your old nannies patched at Pete Piccard's.

Mrs. Louise Gregor, is very sick with inflammatory rheumatism, from which she has suffered greatly. Her brother Ed. Jewell came up last week intending to take her to Byron Springs, but she is not able to stand the journey at present.

Improve Your Poultry.

WHITE LEGHORNS.—Mother Lode Strain. Survival of the fittest. Hens that lay are home the pay. Eggs, \$1 per 15. \$1.25 to customers out of town. A. P. Fleming, Newmanville, poultry yards, Jackson, Cal. mrl6

Unclaimed Letters

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The First Jury Case.

The first jury case before the recorder's court of the city of Jackson, was tried yesterday. It was the case against Henry Garbarini, who was charged with assaulting an officer in the discharge of his duty. A jury was impaneled in the morning to try this initial case, and the evidence was taken in the supervisors' room, which was crowded for the occasion, in the afternoon. It seems that the poundmaster's deputy, James Quinlan, on the 1st of March found an untamed dog on Water street in front of the Garbarini machine shop. The animal belonged to Sam Williams, and was accompanying Williams team, which was unloading oil for the Garbarini's, Williams' son driving. The officer seized the dog from under the wagon, so the evidence went to prove, and thereafter choked the animal, into submission for the purpose of getting a rope around its neck. Claiming that the dog was being ill-treated, Garbarini called to him from the wagon to quit choking him. He made some reply, whereupon Garbarini jumped down seized a neck yoke from the wagon, and turned around to find that Quinlan had got the animal and ran across the street. It was said that Garbarini advanced toward him with the yoke in his hand, to within eight or ten feet, but did not get within striking distance; that the officer died in an actual violence. The jury were out less than half an hour and returned a verdict of not guilty. City attorney J. W. Caldwell appeared for the prosecution and A. Caminetti for the defendant.

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Getting Along Nicely.

Many of our readers will be pleased to learn that Miss Mary Heath, who was the successful contestant for the free scholarship prize in the Stockton Business College, offered by the Ledger last summer, and who is now pursuing her studies in that well known institution, is getting along nicely in the several branches of study. She is devoting her attention to shorthand, typewriting, grammar, spelling and penmanship. The first month she scored 85 per cent in spelling examination, and last month 87. She writes that she is determined to keep on until she attains 98 or 100 in this particular branch. Next week she will take the grammar examination. In both shorthand and typewriting she is making excellent progress. Her letter, typewritten, is sufficient proof of her progress in that particular line, and also in spelling and composition, being a model of neatness and perfect in spelling, grammatical construction and punctuation.

The principal of the college says, "Miss Heath is getting along nicely in her work, and is a first-class student in every way."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. I, Frank J. Cheney, make oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co; doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for rent and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Jackson Band.

The Jackson band, after considerable work, finally effected a reorganization last Thursday evening. The following officers were elected: President, R. F. Moon; secretary, W. M. Penry jr.; treasurer, Wm Schrader; business manager, Frank Sanguinetti; leader, J. D. Palmer. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, and practice every Tuesday and Friday evening.

Assessor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the undermentioned places on the dates given, for the purpose of assessment of property for the current years:

Plymouth—March 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 19.

Oleta—March 20, 21, 22, 23.

Volcano—March 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Pine Grove—March 29 and 30.

J. MARCHANT, Assessor of Amador county.

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CITY TRUSTEES.

The city trustees met in the supervisors' room, March 15th. All members present.

Ordinance No. 22, entitled an ordinance prohibiting the obstruction of streets and sidewalks in the city of Jackson, and providing a penalty for the violation of the same, was advanced to a second reading and placed on its final passage.

On motion of Kent seconded by Penry final action on this ordinance was deferred to the next meeting, all voting aye.

Report of trustee Kent in relation to city officers, received, and the committee continued.

Verbal report of marshal and attorney received.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Penry, that in view of the illegality of the contract, according to the legal opinion of the city attorney, the board rescind all action formerly taken relative to the leasing of a dumping ground from trustee Brown. Carried, all voting aye.

Ordinance No. 23, entitled "An ordinance amendatory of ordinance No. 7," was introduced, and ordered on the file of unfinished business. Adjourned until March 22d.

Clearing The Cemetery.

Some good work was done last Saturday toward redeeming the public cemetery from the neglected and unsightly appearance that has disgraced this abode of the "silent majority" for so long. The movement to this end was started by Miss Ella Payne. On Saturday last the workers gathered to the number of ten or twelve. Most of them had relatives buried there, and this fact made it sacred ground to them.

Those who could not attend in person, were represented by a worker, sent at their instance and expense. The result of the day's work was the clearing of the upper or western portion of the graveyard. The brush and grass have been cut; the paths cleared, and much of the decayed and fallen fences from around many of the plots removed. Altogether the cemetery, or that portion of it, has taken on a decidedly improved appearance. The lower half is sadly in need of attention. It is the intention, however, to have another force of workers out when the weather permits, and finish the program of improvement, so nobly begun.

There is a lot of trash outside the fence, on the public road, which ought to be removed by the city authorities. Some of it has been removed, but there is enough left to make it very unsightly.

Writ of Mandate.

On the 8th of March in the appellate court of the state of California for the third district. J. E. Pipher made application for a writ of mandate against the superior court of Amador and R. C. Rust, judge thereof, directing the judge of said court to draw a warrant on the treasurer of Amador county, for the sum of \$518 in payment of reporter's fees claimed to be due said applicant, for services rendered as the stenographic reporter during the trial of the case of people v. N. Staples, or to appear on Monday, the 19th day of March, and show cause why he has not done so.

On Saturday 10th inst. the above writ of mandate was served on Judge Rust by the sheriff of this county. R. Plattner of Sacramento is for the applicant.

Get the Right Kind.

If you are troubled with piles and can't find a cure, try Witch Hazel salve, but be sure you get that made by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. It is the original. If you have used Witch Hazel salve without being relieved it is probable that you got hold of one of the many worthless counterfeits that are sold on the reputation of the genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve. Sold by F. W. Ruhser.

The Season's Rainfall.

The rainstorm which set in last Saturday has continued through most of the week. On Monday the streams hereabouts were very high. The ground is thoroughly soaked and all the moisture in the shape of rain for the past few days has found its way into the creeks and rivers. The temperature has been quite cold. Snow has fallen in considerable quantity on the hills around Clinton, but so far the white mantle has failed to put in an appearance in Jackson. The rainfall to date measures 23.47 inches against 22.17 for the corresponding period last year, and 25.22 inches for the season of 1903-4. The total rainfall for last year was 32.31 inches, and the outlook is favorable that the precipitation this year will closely press it if it does not exceed, the figures of the previous season.

FOR CITY CLERK.

L. J. GLAVINOVICH

Hereby announces himself a candidate for City Clerk at the approaching municipal election in Jackson, subject to the decision of the voters. Election—Tuesday, April 3, 1906.

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MINING NOTES.

Gwin.—It is reported that this mine is looking as well, if not better, than at any period in its history under the present company. Last month the gross output was between \$45,000 and \$50,000, and a dividend of 25 cents per share declared—the first dividend for over two years. The improvements in this property will have important bearing on the mining industry of that section both on the Amador as well as the Calaveras side of the Mokelumne river. From Middle Bar, clear to opposite the Gwin mine gulch, the country is held for mining location, but none of them are being worked in any systematic manner. There is no reason why mines equal to the Gwin should not be developed in that region. The Gwin is once more taking a place with the most prolific producers of the mother lode.

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PLYMOUTH SCHOOL REPORT.

For the month, ending March 2, 1906.

Rooms.	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils
Mr. Anthony's	24	18	51	10	35.4
Miss Slavich's	39	20	41	8	58.4
Total enrollment	91				

Mr. Anthony's room.—Neither absent nor tardy: Verne Wheeler, James Lovaghi, George Easton, Lewis Pinder, Thos Burke, George Slavich, Wallace Potter, Carl Noy, Lawrence Jellich, Hazel Easton, Viola Wheeler, Jessie Clarke.

E (excellent) in diligence, deportment, and neatness: Lester Walton, Mary Froggall, Ethel Potter, Lizzie Burke, Annie Burke, Dora Negrich, Dora Slavich, Daphne Culbert, Beldine Zibilleh, Lewis Pinder.

E in at least nine-tenths of branches taken: Ethel Potter, Lizzie Burke, Jodie Roberts, Hazel Easton.

Miss Slavich's room.—Neither absent nor tardy: Wallace Pritchard, Willie Pritchard, Lester Wheeler, Willie Anthony, Willie Parsons, Mary Slavich, Mary Ellen Roberts, Vinnie Butorovich, Jessie Packard, Roland McGregor, Lona Wilson, Willie Liddicoat, Loretta Burke, Leslie Walton, Lizzie Vollmer, Harry Long, Alvin Wilds, Gladys Felker, Jimmie Packard, Louis Roberts, Herbert Liddicoat, Leroy Jarred, Alda Wheeler.

E in diligence, deportment, and neatness: Willard Long, Willie Parsons, Ruth Parsons, Alvin Wilds, Earl Miller, Willie Liddicoat, Thelma Cupps, Loretta Burke, Gladys Felker.

E in at least nine-tenths of branches taken: Wallace Pritchard, Willie Pritchard, Lester Wheeler, Mary Slavich, Mayellen Roberts, Luella Wilson, Alvin Anthony, Alvin Sammers, Roland McGregor, Ruby French, Willie Woolford, Lizzie Vollmer.

A. L. Anthony, principal.

It has been known for some time that Rev. C. E. Pettis was to leave the pastorate of the M. E. church, on account of his ill health, being a sufferer from nervous trouble. Rev. Frank P. Fiegall, a graduate of the Boston, Massachusetts, School of Theology, has been secured as the new pastor. He is very highly recommended by the faculty of the school as an able young man and one who led his class. The new pastor is to arrive here May 5th and will occupy his pulpit on the 6th, the first Sunday in the month. Rev. C. E. Pettis had intended to go to Mendocino county about the middle of April, but may remain until the new pastor arrives in May.—Ione Echo.

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TWO SCOTCH STORIES.

Origin of the MacIntyres and the Bloody Hand Legend.

My father, says a writer in Blackwood's Magazine, had no end of anecdotes about our ancestors, parts of which I remember, though I was only a schoolroom child of under fourteen when I heard him relating them. I was, however, old enough to feel keenly interested in them. One story that impressed me very much was related to account for the origin of the Clan MacIntyre. A party of Macdonells on one occasion were out in a boat when a knot of wood sprang out, causing a serious leak, whereupon one of the party stuck in his finger to fill the hole and then cut it off with his dirk, thus saving the life of the whole party. From this circumstance his descendants were called the MacIntyres, or sons of the carpenter.

Another story which I heard my father tell related to the bloody hand which appears in our coat of arms. A doubt having arisen as to which of two brothers a certain estate belonged to, it was agreed that he whose flesh and blood should first touch the property was to be regarded as the rightful owner. Accordingly the two young men started in two boats for the land in question. One of them, seeing that he was losing the race, when near the shore pulled out his dirk, cut off his hand and threw it on land, thus establishing his right to the property, as his flesh and blood had touched it first.

SLAVERY IN ENGLAND.

In 1772 it was that the Courts declared it to be illegal.

In 1772 slavery was declared by the judges to be contrary to the law of England. But during the years immediately preceding this date slaves were commonly sold in England. In the previous year a Birmingham paper advertised for sale "a negro boy, sound, healthy and of mild disposition," while in the same year another paper records (and condemns) the sale of a short time previously at Richmond of a negro boy for £32. This is believed to have been the last actual sale of a slave that took place in England.

White slavery was very common in the English colonies in the seventeenth century. Cromwell seized Irish boys, girls and women "by the thousand" and "sold them in the slave markets of Barbadoes," as may be seen in numberless places in the state papers of the period. He treated some of his captives in England and Scotland in the same way. A similar fate befell many of the supporters of Monmouth's rebellion in the west of England. In the latter case, as Macaulay tells us, the ladies of the court, including the queen, made large profits on the sales.—London Standard.

Smith a Greek God.

In the grammar department of one of our public schools the teacher, after talking with her class on the subject of mythology, read to them as follows: "Vulcan, smith, architect and chariot builder, the gods of Mount Olympus, built their houses, constructed their furniture," etc. The following day the subject of the preceding day was given as a language lesson, and as no mention was made of Vulcan the teacher asked the class who built the houses for the gods of Mount Olympus. For awhile the children seemed to be lost in deep thought, when suddenly a gleam of intelligence illuminated the face of one little girl, and she replied: "I can't think of his first name, but his last name is Smith."—Magazine of Fun.

Seven Days in a Year.

At the examination of pupils in a primary school the inspector put questions at random to the scholars. Among the latter was a towheaded lad who on being asked how many days there are in a year answered, "Seven." When the tittering of the rest of the class subsided the inspector remarked: "I said a year, not a week. Now, try again. How many days are there in a year?" The lad appeared nonplused and vexed for a moment, then ejaculated: "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday; just seven. If there's others I never heard of 'em."—London Mail.

Mexican Courtship.

A Mexican girl is courted by a unique process. Her would be lover walks up and down the street on the opposite side and stares at her window by the hour. If his appearance is agreeable she appears at the window after a few days of this performance. When the acquaintance develops he is introduced to her papa, and after the necessary marriage arrangements have been made he is introduced to her. The preliminary tramping and staring are called "doing the bear."

Goethe.

Goethe was pronounced "the handsomest man of Europe." He was a little over six feet in height, but so well proportioned that he did not seem tall. His features were of the Roman type, his hair, rather light than dark, his whole appearance commanding. Even to extreme old age he retained a large share of the personal good looks that earlier in life had made him so attractive.

Women Must Weep.

"You look discouraged."

"I am," answered the newly married man. "I have done all in my power to make my wife happy. She can't find anything at home to cry about, so she shows downtown and weeps over the heroine at the matinee."—Washington Star.

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Notice of Sale of Real Property.

In the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Hall, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the superior court of the county of Amador, State of California, made on the 9th day of December, 1905, and a further order made on the 12th day of February, 1906, in the matter of the estate of Mary A. Hall, deceased, the undersigned, the executor of the last will of said deceased, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in gold coin of the United States, and subject to the confirmation by said superior court, on Saturday the 10th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock M. of said day, at the front door of the Court-house of the superior court in the town of Jackson, in said county of Amador, the right, title, interest and estate of the said Mary A. Hall at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of said Mary A. Hall at the time of her death in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situated, lying and being in the county of Amador, State of California, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Lots Nos. ten (10) and eleven (11) in block No. nine (9) of the town site of Volcano, Amador county, California, together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

Terms and condition of sale: Cash, in gold coin of the United States, ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid to the auctioneer upon sale, and balance on confirmation of sale by said superior court.

Dated, February 16, 1906.

W. H. STEFFLER, Executor of the will of said deceased.

JOHN F. DAVIS, office: Summit street, Jackson, Attorney for said Executor.

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STANISLAUS FOREST RESERVE.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, and sheep within the Stanislaus Forest Reserve during the season of 1906, must be submitted to S. L. N. Ellis, Forest Ranger in charge, Sonora, California, on or before April first, 1906. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged, and blank forms to be used in making application, will be furnished on request addressed to the above named office.

THOMAS H. SHERKARD, Acting Forester.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Cal.

November 21, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Silas Berry Henson of Pine Grove, county of Amador, State of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 1894, for the purchase of the S. 8 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of Section No. 23 in township No. 8 N., range No. 14 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Richard Webb, U. S. Commissioner, at Jackson, Cal., on Friday, the 25th day of May, 1906.

He names as witnesses: Frank Williams, of Pine Grove, Amador county, Cal.; L. H. Cook, of Volcano, Amador county, Cal.; A. Livergood, of Volcano, Amador county, Cal.; A. Jones, of Pine Grove, Amador county, Cal.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of May 1906.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Register.

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Moore Gold Mining Company.

Location of principal place of business, Valley Springs, Calaveras county, California.

Location of works, Camp Opra mining district near Buena Vista, Amador county, California.

Notice.—There is delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of assessment, No. 1, levied on the 25th day of May, 1905, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

Names.	No. Certs.	No. Shares.	Amount.
Mrs. E. Patton	94	50	\$ 3.00
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W. B. Berry	92	50	2.50
Mrs. J. Gilliam	50	100	5.00
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N. W. Mahaffey	150	150	7.50
E. C. Handley	88	500	25.00
W. H. Langford	90	200	10.00
J. E. Jones	102	100	5.00
J. E. Jones	107	200	10.00
W. H. Langford	103	100	5.00
J. H. Cery	200	100	5.00
L. P. Hasey	191	33	1.65
L. P. Hasey	190	250	12.50
L. P. Hasey	198	375	18.75
L. P. Hasey	199	50	2.50
W. H. Durand	116	51	2.55
L. P. Hasey	115	21	1.05
W. H. Durand	117	25	1.25
J. Wolfe	119	8	0.40
A. Reynolds	118	5	0.25
C. H. Mort	121	18	0.90
F. A. Beavns	122	15	0.75
C. F. Haverstick	123	12	0.60
U. F. Fugua	124	6	0.30
Stute Fugua	125	6	0.30
Edna Fugua	126	6	0.30
Clara Fugua	127	6	0.30
Ada Prichard	128	12	0.60
Chas. Hunting	129	6	0.30
Ed Hunting	130	6	0.30
W. C. Ramsey	131	150	7.50
W. C. Ramsey	145	139	6.95
T. B. Stewart	143	12	0.60
F. P. Pettit	142	12	0.60
G. C. Marcell	135	18	0.90
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A. D. Hays	137	18	0.90
W. H. Woodbridge	138	9	0.45
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C. Hall	140	24	1.20
W. H. Purinton	141	30	1.50
J. W. Davis	142	21	1.05
J. Stang	143	12	0.60
M. B. Blaisdell	144	100	5.00
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S. A. Hasey	57	300	15.00
Newman & Bagley	113	67	3.35
G. W. Beatty	154	2000	100.00
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B. F. Foster	156	2000	100.00
J. E. Oliver	157	30	1.50
G. E. Wade	161	15	0.75
Geo Light	162	125	6.25
John Blackman	174	250	12.50
John Mofford	175	500	25.00
G. M. Grant	180	300	15.00
E. J. Harris	183	100	5.00
M. E. Hill	184	100	5.00
B. Rindell	185	100	5.00
F. A. Rich	188	50	2.50
G. A. Rich	191	100	5.00
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And in accordance with law and order of the Board of Directors made on the said 15th day of March, 1906, no entry of shares in the record book of said company being necessary, will be sold at the outside door of the company's office, in the City of Valley Springs, in the town of Valley Springs, county of Calaveras, State of California, on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 1906, at 10 o'clock P. M., said day, to pay delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and other charges.

W. A. HOLMES, Secretary Spring Gold Mining Company, Office at Valley Springs, Calaveras county, California.

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No other American girl has received wedding presents so numerous, valuable or interesting as those which have been showered upon President Roosevelt's oldest daughter, Nelly Grant who, next to Alice Roosevelt, had the most brilliant White House wedding received many costly gifts from all parts of the world but her trophies pale by comparison with those of the first White House bride of the present century. For one thing there were only two hundred guests at the marriage of Nelly Grant and Algernon Sartoris whereas nearly one thousand persons were invited to the White House wedding of 1906 and of course the number of presents in the latter case outnumbers those in the former instance in the same proportion.

Recognized as Great World Power.
Then too, Uncle Sam was not nearly so much of a World Power in the days of President Grant as he has been since the Spanish-American War and consequently it is small wonder if the various rulers of the world have manifested greater interest in the nuptials of the daughter of the present Chief Magistrate than they did in the similar event a quarter of a century ago.

However, it should be explained just here that President Roosevelt's daughter has received very few presents from foreign governments—almost all of the gifts having come from the sovereigns or other rulers as individuals. That the governments should not send tokens was the express wish of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and was clearly indicated to the

designed as a gift either for royalty or for some distinguished son of France and even such honor has been paid but rarely.

It was the wish of the French people and officials to present to the White House bride the most exquisite and precious thing that could be selected and quite naturally they selected a special product of their best workshop. This Gobelin tapestry, the only one of the kind ever sent to this country, has as its design a reproduction of a painting made by Ehrman of Strasbourg, a famous Alsatian painter.

The tapestry is two feet wide and four feet long and the predominating colors are blue, green and yellow. It was made fully fifty years ago and the subject is allegorical in character, representing a woman of the Middle Ages dressed in long flowing robes of blue and yellow and standing before a lectern making illuminations upon a scroll. The figure is almost in profile and the dark hair is curled about the head in classic style. Around the main picture is a border wider at each end and narrower on the sides in which wreaths, leaves and medallions appear at intervals. This tapestry, small as it is, is said to be worth from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Jeweled Necklace from Cuba.

For the new Republic's gift to the daughter of President Roosevelt the Cuban government appropriated the sum of \$25,000 and the Cuban Minister at Paris was entrusted with the task of purchasing the handsomest jeweled necklace that could be obtained with this sum. The White House bride, by the way, has received several pearls and diamond necklaces. Most of them have come, however, from relatives of the bride and wealthy New York friends.

The German Emperor did not take the world into his confidence with reference to the present sent to the young lady who christened his yacht but it proved to be a jeweled bracelet for which the Emperor and Empress personally selected and matched the

MORGAN A GOOD LOSER.

VENERABLE ALABAMIAN SHOWN NOT TO BE A PANAMA CANAL OBSTRUCTIONIST.

Is Second Oldest Man in the United States Senate, But Possessed of Great Vitality—Strong But Always a Square Fighter.

Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama, eighty-one years old, or eighty-one years young, is, with the exception of his colleague, Senator Pettus of Alabama, the oldest man in the United States Senate.

He is one of the very active men of the Senate, and of late years has achieved considerable fame because of the vigor with which he championed the Nicaragua route as the proper way for the trans-isthmian canal, and also for the ardor and perseverance of his opposition to the Panama route. Because of the bitterness of his antagonism to the purchase by the United States of the concessions of the Franco-Panama canal company, and because of his determined effort to defeat the adoption of the Panama route, Senator Morgan has in some quarters gained the reputation of being an obstructionist.

A Square Fighter.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. He is a great and strong fighter, but his opposition is fair and square, he has resorted to none of the tactics employed by Congressional obstructionists, and when he has been beaten he has admitted it. This is clearly shown in a recent letter to the Panama Canal Commission, declining an invitation to accompany the Commission on a trip to the Isthmus. In this letter the venerable Senator says: "Since the ratification of the Hay-Yarilla treaty, which I opposed, I have done all that I could and much more than I thought could ever be of advantage to the country to sustain the government in its purpose to construct a canal at Panama. Yet I have not believed that success could crown their efforts, even in the most costly and desperate form. You may find the key to unlock the barriers that nature has interposed at Panama. If you should be so fortunate, I will applaud your genius and courage. I will vote to provide you with every reasonable authority and power to accomplish your task and to meet your tremendous responsibility."

This letter shows that Senator Morgan is a good loser as well as a good fighter. To be a good loser is an admirable trait. He does not rattle over defeat and does not nurse a cause which he sees is irretrievably lost. This is practical statesmanship.

An Active Record.

Senator Morgan has had an active life. He was born at Athens, Tenn., June 20, 1824, and with his parents went to Alabama when he was nine years old. He was admitted to the bar of Alabama in 1845; was a Presidential elector in 1860 for the State at large and voted for Breckinridge and Lane; was a delegate in 1861 from Dallas county to the State convention which passed the ordinance of secession; joined the Confederate army in 1861 as a private in the Cahaba Rifles, and when that company was assigned to the Fifth Alabama regiment John Morgan was elected a major and later lieutenant-colonel of the regiment. He was commissioned a colonel in 1862 and raised the fifty-first Alabama regiment, and came out of the war a brigadier-general in command of an Alabama brigade. He was Presidential elector in 1876 and voted for Samuel J. Tilden, and was elected to the United States Senate to succeed George Goldthwaite, taking his seat March 6th, 1877. He has been in the Senate ever since, and will probably remain there as long as he wishes, or as long as he lives.

MESSAGES UNDERGROUND.

A Jesuit of Pennsylvania the Inventor of a New Wireless Telegraph System.

Father Joseph Murgas of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, expects, within the next month or two to be able to send wireless messages to Europe by means of his new system which is now in practical operation.

Since the completion of the aerial wireless system and its development to its present stage of perfection Father Murgas has been experimenting with an underground service which he believes will be more valuable than the aerial system. His experiments so far have been limited to short distances with moderate electrical power and shallow holes. But he is now completing underground stations in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton and will conduct the experiments on a larger scale.

So far as he has proceeded with this work, so successfully has his theory of underground wireless telegraph worked out that recently he announced he had no doubt of his ability to send an underground message to Europe and that the experiment will shortly be made, despite the fact that it is estimated it will cost \$22,000.

To accomplish this, he says, a shaft 3,000 feet deep must be sunk in this country, and one of similar depth in Europe. Each of these will have to be concreted to render it impervious to dampness, which would destroy the efficiency of the wires with which the sending and receiving apparatus will be connected with the surface. A great deal of power will also be required.

The shafts at Wilkes-Barre and Scranton are 300 feet deep and the distance is eighteen miles. The shaft

at the former city was completed and partly concreted when it filled with water and another one will have to be bored. The Scranton shaft is now nearly completed.

Father Murgas' wireless system differs from all others by dispensing with the Morse system and substituting musical tones—each tone representing a letter or a code word or group of words, so that a speed about ten times as great as the fastest Morse code can be attained.

REWARDED BY CARNEGIE.

Miss Maud Titus Presented With a Medal and an Education.

When Miss Maud Titus of Newark, N. J., rescued her friend Laura Reifsnnyder from drowning in a yachting accident in Casco Bay, Nova Scotia, July 30, 1904, she did not know that her act placed her under the watchful eye of Andrew Carnegie, the Steel King. Miss Titus and her unfortunate friend were out yachting on that fateful day when a sudden squall upset their yacht. Miss Titus is an expert swimmer, while Miss Reifsnnyder un-



MISS MAUD TITUS
Awarded Carnegie Medal and Educational Fund.

able to swim, quickly sank in the deep water. Upon coming to the surface, however, she was seized by the Newark heroine who brought her safely to shore.

For her act of heroism, Miss Titus, who is only sixteen years old, was a awarded a Carnegie medal, although at the time her name was under consideration, hundreds of other persons were brought forward as worthy of reward.

Since receiving the medal Miss Titus's father died leaving insufficient money to send her to college as she craved. Miss Reifsnnyder, apprised the Carnegie commission of her friend's desire for an education and the commission decided to grant her \$2,500. Five hundred dollars of this is to be paid upon her entrance to a school 1500 annually in advance for three years, and \$500 at her graduation. This is the largest reward ever given by the commission, the highest previous being \$1,000.

Titled Celebrities.

Edward VII, King of England and Emperor of India, is imposing enough but such a slender collection of words would never serve to fire the Oriental imagination, and the Sultan of Turkey is known as "The Finest Pearl of the Age and the Esteemed Centre of the Universe, at Whose Grand Portals Stand the Camels of Justice and Mercy and to Whom the Eyes of the Kings and Peoples in the West have been Drawn; Lord and Master, the Sultan of Two Shores and the High King of Two Seas, the Crown of Ages and the Pride of All Countries, the Greatest of all Khalifs, the Shadow of God on Earth, the Successor of the Apostle of the Lord of the Universe and the Victorious Conqueror Sultan Abdul-Hamid Khan."

The kings of Ava and Ceylon each calmly appropriated to themselves the attributes of divinity and proclaimed themselves "God," to which His Majesty of Ava added "King of Kings, whom all others must obey, as he is the Preserver of all Animals, the Regulator of Seasons, the Absolute Master of the Ebb and Flow of the Sea, Brother to the Sun and King of the Four and Twenty Umbrellas," an anti-climax essentially Oriental.

The Persian Shah takes his title upon the instalment plan, making up in number what each lacks in length. He is "Shahin Shah," "King of Kings," "The Rose of Delight," "The Branch of Honor," and others of note, to say nothing of what his subjects call him among themselves.

Perhaps the oddest and most truthful of them all is the title of the King of Monomopotapa, who was styled "Lord of the Sun and the Moon, Great Magician and Great Thief."

After such glories as these European monarchs might be forgiven envy, though it is not apparent that such has developed, and democratic King Edward is content with "Your Majesty" or even "Sir."

Size of Brains.

A large brain does not necessarily indicate intellect. The brain of an illiterate person has been found to weigh more than of the most celebrated scientists, poets, and philosophers

HOMES FOR CITY WAIFS.

NUMBERLESS ORPHANS IN GREAT CITIES—MANY DELIBERATELY DESERTED.

Eight Million Dollars in Charity Last Year in New York Alone—Country Homes Provided in Cases Where Practicable.

At one of the vacation Bible classes last summer, some tenement children were taught a word-guessing game. One of the words selected was "home." The little girl whose turn it was to guess failed to get a clue, and a boy trying to help her, said, "Think of something that smells awful and you want to get away from quick." The child guessed "mouse." The dirt and foul atmosphere of his home is disgusting to even the tenement child himself, yet home is the child's greatest necessity. Authorities on the subject strongly advocate that private fortunes of philanthropists as well as state and municipal funds be devoted, not to building institutions for dependent children, but to pensioning widows with families and finding foster parents for orphans.

Of the 600,000 children under 14 years of age who form 18 per cent of the population of New York City, 25,000 are homeless waifs. About half of these forlorn little ones are babies between the ages of two and four.

The causes that operate to bring about this pitiable condition are those that fill the workhouses and prisons,—death of one or both parents, injury through accident, consumption, vice, crime, inability to obtain work and incompetence, desertion, juvenile depravity.

Many Half Orphans.

Complete orphanage is less frequent than is generally supposed. In most cases that come under the attention of the charities associations, the children are half orphans. However when the father is the surviving parent, the result as far as the breaking up of the home is concerned is the same. A man rarely succeeds in keeping his children together. If they are very young a woman's care is imperative, and where poverty prevents the hiring of nurses, the charitable institution is the alternative. If a widow is left with a family the children stand a better chance, for not only is it a notorious fact that a mother will work harder and more effectively than a father to keep the brood together, but the charities commissioners, recognizing the value of even the poorest kind of a home to the child, will give substantial, if limited, aid to that end.

The Great White Plague.

Consumption carries off 1-8 the metropolitan population. The lingering illness in tubercular cases is more dis-

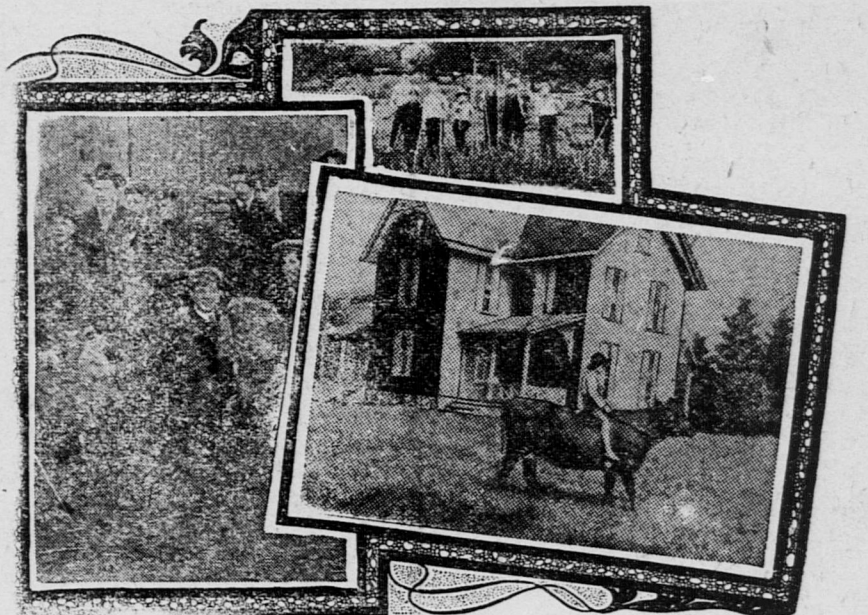
left dependent on New York's public charity through the desertion of the parents is reckoned by the thousands.

As to the little unfortunates who are classed as ungovernable, who run away from home, etc.—the fault lies largely in the home. Indifference, neglect and ill treatment are the causes of juvenile crime. Third class theatres and their flaming advertisements are frequently the incentive to petty thieving in order to obtain the price of admission, while the gay career of the villain in the play fires the imagination of the slum children whose surroundings all tend to give him a cross-eyed view of morality. Though the gallery hisses the stage villain, it admires his good clothes and dashing pose, and the boy who has stolen a piece of lead pipe to pay his way in thinks he has just the nerve and wit to save himself from the miserable climax which finishes the bad man on the stage.

His victim of poverty and its evils in New York who, through the death or incompetence of his parents or his own depravity, comes within the jurisdiction of the public charities is usually first sent to one of the city's institutions. There are 127 of them, and to each the city pays 38 cents a day for each infant cared for and \$2 a week for each child over two years. The widower sending his child to one of these institutions is requested to pay something towards their support. If he fails the city pays. A municipal officer is sent to visit the surviving parents of the children once a year, and where conditions have improved to the point which assures health and comfort, the child is returned to its home. The parents are not always anxious to regain possession of their children. It is a sad commentary on human nature that they exhibit more eagerness in this direction after the child has reached an age where it can earn money.

To Make Better Citizens.

New York gives more largely to charity than any other city and its methods are most severely criticised. Nearly \$8,000,000 was contributed last year, almost half of which went to institutions for the destitute. It has been universally agreed, however, that the best means for caring for the waifs of great cities is by providing them with homes in country families. The precaution of first making sure that the child's parents or relatives will never be able or willing to care for it is urged. When this point has been established and a family can be found willing to accept a foundling, the child may be adopted outright. But if there is uncertainty on this point, or for any reason the family is unwilling to definitely adopt a child, he may be sent out with the understanding that he is to receive wages for such work as he may be fitted to do, but be treated as one of the family. In Massa-



SCENES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE FOUND HOMES IN THE COUNTRY.

astrous to the family than sudden death of the providing head. The healthy members are deprived of the necessities of life to provide some slight medical aid and a small measure of comfort for the invalid, so that by the time the end comes the whole family is frequently half starved as well as wholly impoverished, and to make matters worse the survivors are apt to spend the last cent on the funeral.

Vice and crime are yet more discouraging sources of distress. The number of children rendered homeless through the misconduct of their parents is large and is increasing. Intemperance is the most common form of vice and brings countless evils in its train. Sooner or later the "Gerry" agent comes down on the miserable home. The parents are sent to penitentiary or workhouse, or are simply put under bonds to contribute to the support of the children. The children pass through the Children's Court to an asylum, and are sometimes glad to escape from their homes, public charity meaning to them warmer clothing, sufficient food and comfortable bed.

Inability to obtain work in New York usually means incompetency. London is full of the unemployed but that is hardly the trouble as yet in the American metropolises.

Law Against Desertion of Child.

Desertion has become so common that several states have recently passed laws making it a felony. Under these laws the authorities are able to impose heavier penalties and also to secure extradition in case the deserting parent has gone to some other state. The number of children

chusetts and Pennsylvania children in the second class are placed in country families and their board paid by the state.

Since taking up this method of providing homes for its charges, the Children's Aid Society of New York City has had 23,523 children legally adopted and secured homes in the country for 25,537 others who receive wages. At present it is placing an

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PIECE OF GOBELIN TAPESTRY FROM FRANCE

United States Ambassadors and Ministers in the various capitals of the world. Two governments, those of Cuba and France had already made all arrangements for governmental gifts ere the intimation came from Washington and of course, in each case the original plan was carried out but at the other courts of the world the governments took no action but merely left matters in the hands of the rulers who were, to be sure, at entire liberty to send presents provided they paid for them out of their own pockets.

Incomparable Gobelin Tapestry.

Of the thousands of wedding presents valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars which arrived at the White House during the first half of the month of February undoubtedly one of the most attractive was the wonderful piece of Gobelin Tapestry, the gift of the Republic of France and which was presented to Miss Roosevelt in person by M. Jesserand, the French Ambassador to the United States. This gift has special significance from the fact that the factory where it was manufactured was established by Louis XIV and is under the direct control of the government of France. Never before have the looms in this French governmental tapestry plant produced a work of art that was not

gems. The Kaiser's envoy in America and his bridesmaid set of dessert plates of Dresden China. The Representative's fellow Congressmen from Ohio gave a silver loving cup said to have cost \$800 and the Congressmen representing the State of New York made up a fund and purchased a splendid set of ornamental glass made by Tiffany. The White House bride has reason to congratulate herself that all foreign donors, including the European and Oriental sovereigns arranged to themselves pay the duties on their wonderful collection of silks, rugs, vases and other ornaments. If the President's daughter had been obliged to defray from her private funds the import tax on these souvenirs it would have played havoc for some time to come with her personal income of \$3,000 a year.

A Vast Greenhouse.

The atmosphere of the earth acts very much in the same way as does the glass of a greenhouse—it allows the rays of the sun to pass through, but imprisons the heat. Thus it is colder on the top of a mountain than at the sea level, because, though the mountain-top is slightly nearer the sun, the atmosphere is very much less dense.

average of 2,000 children a year. Eighty-seven per cent. of those already provided for have turned out well, 8 per cent. have been returned, 2 per cent. died, one quarter of one per cent. have been arrested for petty crimes, 2 3-4 per cent. have disappeared. For very young children, whose parents are both dead, it is easy to find good homes and legal adoption. The last census shows a declining birth rate, notably in the States of the Middle West, where homes should certainly be plentiful for these unhappy, little ones of the great city.

WOULD LIMIT THEIR CAPITAL.

Senator Newlands' Plan for National Railroad Incorporation Law.

Senator Newlands consumed several hours the other day in explaining to the members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce the provisions of his bill to prohibit over-capitalization of corporations.

Mr. Newland's plan provides for the incorporation of railroads under a national law instead of the conflicting laws of forty-five states. He said



A NARROW TENEMENT DISTRICT STREET IN NEW YORK

capitalization would be limited to lowest valuation and actual investment instead of being swollen abnormally by "the familiar device of stock watering."

Dividends would be limited to a fair return on actual capital, said the Senator, but would be virtually guaranteed, because the roads would be permitted to make rates which would earn not less than this normal return. Taxes would be fixed and definite.

Continuing the Senator said: "With the settlement of both rates and taxes on a permanent basis, railroads would go out of politics because they would have absolutely nothing to gain by political activity. My measure is based on the theory that railroad consolidation is not harmful if properly controlled. I would not only permit, but encourage such consolidation under national charters."

Baroness Rosen's Violets.

Undoubtedly it is pleasant to loil upon the cushions of a perfumed landau or coupé, and the owner of such a vehicle is happy amid the odor of violets and lavender that comes from the satchel bags she has placed around it. But, the Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, daughter of the Russian Ambassador to this country, has more poetic ideas. She has a charming little coupé at the sides, of which, where another woman would have a mirror, powder puff and hairpins, she has two contrivances which hold water and keep a handful of violets fresh and fragrant. It is a delight to step into this carriage. The Baroness is going to have additional flower stands in the coupé, and will have perfume and color wherever she goes.

The original New England was on the Pacific coast. Francis Drake took possession of the western coast in 1579 and called the country, Nouva Albion (New England) because he thought the white cliffs near Point Reyes resembled the chalk cliffs of Dover.

THE POSTER IN POLITICS.

VOTERS OF ENGLAND APPEALED TO THROUGH GAUDILY COLORED SHEETS.

Vast Fortune Spent for Printed Matter.—Prominent English Statesmen Ridiculously Cartooned on Bill-board and Post Card.

In no country in the world are more time and money spent in appeals to the reason and good will of the public than in England. Stringent laws against malpractice in securing votes force candidates for office and their agents to invent numerous and ingenious devices to attract public attention. During the last General Elections every effort possible was put forth to influence the opinion of the voter by means of posters; to such an extent were posters utilized that the fight for election was nicknamed the Poster Campaign.

England in January was plastered from end to end with political posters. Big four-sheet posters and tiny postal card posters, bright and dull,

Chamberlain's protection policy was a source of never failing inspiration for the free trade caricaturists. The Liberals gave an initial exhibit in the National Liberal Club, London, for the benefit and guidance of the party's candidates and agents.

The Laborites, or the working man's party, got out only a few posters. They have little money to spend for campaign purposes unless it is furnished them by one of the big parties which want them to pull votes from the other side. This time the Liberals contributed to the Labor funds.

The Unionist-Conservatives had the wittiest posters. A big favorite showed the new Campbell-Bannerman cabinet recoiling in horror at the entrance of Lord Roseberry, who has frequently played the part of political wrecker. The best Unionist shots were directed against the Liberal leader's (who is always referred to as "C-B") suspected bribery of the Irish National party piloted by Mr. John Redmond. For some time past Mr. Redmond has been a masterful man-on-the-fence, leaning to whichever side promised Home Rule and other plums for Ireland. A humorous poster represents John Bull in his best clothes, a bouquet in one hand and a key labeled "Office" in the other, waiting at the church door. He is horrified at the sight of his bride, Mrs. Liberal Party, with the face of C-B, a bouncing widow who has brought her little son of Irish extraction with her. The cartoon is entitled, "Little Johnny would come." Still another poster represents the dilemma of Mrs. Liberal Party—an uncompromising portrait of C-B as an irritated old lady who finds her unruly Irish adopted an embarrassing and noisy handful that she sincerely wishes did not belong to her. A protectionist poster that would appeal to Americans is labeled, "Help, in the King's name," and shows John Bull being slugged and robbed by the pickpocketing nations, Germany making off with British work, tools and gold, while Mr. Chamberlain as a London policeman, armed with the club of Retaliation, leads the colonies to the rescue.

The Tariff Reform League contributed to the Unionist collection a poster called "the Parrot," wherein that feathered folly sits perched above the door of the Cobden Club and with one warning claw upraised, parodies "The Raven."

While Mr. "Joe" Chamberlain's advice to Mr. Arthur Balfour, as quoted by the Liberals, "Mind, Arthur, not a word about the fiscal question. Stick to Home Rule," was carefully followed by the Unionist-Conservative followers of those gentlemen, the opposition's posters were largely devoted to repeating the cry of the Parrot, "Your food will cost you more," and worked every pictorial variation possible on the free trade vs. protection argument.

The Hanky-Panky Government was the biggest hit on the Liberal hoardings. It represented Mr. Balfour as a sleight-of-hand artist who, having cajoled his hat from John Bull, proceeded to take out of it the goose and rabbits of unpopular legislation, which Mr. Chamberlain supplied from beneath the table, to the evident amusement of the prestidigitator, who frankly owned that he was "quite sure the gentleman who loaned him the hat had no idea what was inside of it."

Liberal wit, reached its zenith with a caricature of Sir John Millais's painting, "Bubbles," which showed Mr. Chamberlain anxiously blowing the bubble promises of protection benefits and watching them burst.

Notwithstanding all the prominence given the tariff question in the posters, however, it cannot be said to have been a live issue in the English General Elections. Mr. Chamberlain himself anticipated defeat, because the old party during its long term of

as in the United States in 1883 and 1892.

The English take things seriously, even posters. A Liberal cartoon representing a motor car causing a frightened horse to jump a fence wounded the susceptibilities of a Unionist candidate. His chauffeur demanded through his solicitors that the cartoon be destroyed on the ground that it libeled his ability as a motor driver. The Liberal candidate responsible for the cartoon replied through his solicitors that he would accept service in any proceedings but that the poster would "stay put."

Elections in Ireland are exciting though not so violent as they were in the days of George IV, who, when he visited Galway on the occasion of a general election, was told in answer to his question, "Whom do you expect to elect?" "The survivor, sire."

The cost of the January elections in the British Isles was close on \$10,000,000. A candidate's expenses are limited by law, but each vote costs on the average four shillings, or an American dollar. Orkney and Shetland, Scotland cost their aspirants to Parliament most, votes costing as high as fourteen shillings apiece in legitimate expenses.

The cheapest constituency is Merthyr Tydvil, the labor district which sends up Mr. Keir Hardie. These votes come to about a shilling. The curious thing

THE PARROT

Where the Cobden Club is, the Parrot is. Into grief at stomach takes A Parrot perches daily. Just above the entrance door To everything that's read to him, or said to him. He has no other answer save "Your Food Will Cost You More!" To the promise "Joe" is giving That the cost of daily living No farther will be higher Than it ever was before While our wages will be rising To a height that's quite surprising. The Parrot only answers that "Your Food Will Cost You More!" Both in and out of season He is deaf to common reason. All arguments are wasted That upon his head you pour. So we'll leave him to his folly. Does it matter if a Polly That is out-of-date and stupid Cries "Your Food Will Cost You More?"

YOUR FOOD WILL COST YOU MORE.

is that the defeated candidate usually has a bigger bill to pay than the successful one. One item of 30 shillings a hundred for ballot papers, which is met by candidates, seems outrageous in these days of cheap printing.

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The Wireless Death.

By C.S. Raymond

Synopsis of Chapters I and II.

The United States is about to go to war with a foreign nation. The employees of the government power station which supplied Washington and New York with electricity for light, heat and power, are expecting orders to supply heavier current. Atsins, an electrician at the station obtains leave to place an invention of his before the head of the United States Army at Washington. He obtains an interview with the General who is favorably impressed with the annihilating apparatus and gives directions for its installation under the supervision of its inventor.

Chapter III

To the surprise of the nation, Congress held back during the day, a narrow fringe of conservative members standing between the country and war. The news service, which had picked up again and was voluminous and detailed once more, still carried the prediction that war was inevitable and could be only delayed.

Meanwhile the stolid helplessness of the War Department, which had blanketed even the energetic efforts of the department chiefs to do the best they could at the eleventh hour, had given away to a feverish activity extending even to departments unaware of the purpose.

Atsins had taken a fast express ship back to Susquehanna, returning at top speed with the concentrator, the plans of which he had shown Shod and Montrus, and which, many months before, he had constructed.

Shod had his orders regarding power, orders which carried a significance to him but to none other at the power station.

At No. 10 Sending Station, Atsins, with an army of electricians and mechanics under him, worked at nerve racking speed during the day. Montrus, possessed by a devil of impatience, foreboding, and fear, could not contain himself either in the office or at the station.

The work progressed; the death dealing concentrator went into place;



DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT GERMAN AIR FLEET.

reinforcement was added to every detail of the station; its capacity was increased to the limits of possibility. Night had come and was advancing. Still Congress held to its tense debate. Ten o'clock came; and Atsins sought Montrus, finding him nervously pacing back and forth in his office. The young electrician was calm and charged with quiet confidence.

"If we can get their location, they will not leave," he said. "Maybe you cannot furnish it?"

"We can if we can get Curtis again," said Montrus. "What if we can't?"

"Then we shall have to take them when we get it," replied Atsins. "It would be safer to annihilate them before they start."

"Try for Curtis again," ordered the general, turning to the aide in the room. They waited for an answer, which came back presently. The operator at the Sending Station No. 5 reported that his efforts were not successful, and he advised against many repetitions.

"It endangers him," he said. "He will report when he can."

With nothing to do but wait, in nervous tension, they saw the hours mount to 12. Then came a bulletin from Congress. The vote was about to be taken. Of the result there could be no doubt, and there was none in the minds of the men sitting in the office. There had been none from the start; and yet, now that the moment had come, they looked at each other, pale-faced and heavy-eyed.

"Come outside," said Montrus to At-

through the hood: "Here's the flash. War's declared."

The general twitched with suppressed excitement. For a moment longer, he watched the picture in the reflector. Then he saw that the fleet had the news. Across the Atlantic the instantaneous service had carried the declaration of war.

Far below him was the chief city of his nation, now subdued in the knowledge that it and the nation had been brought to the final test. In the sending station was the man on whom his nation's hopes depended. He firmly pressed the button.

In the reflector he saw the enemy's squadron move. He knew that it had been in readiness to start, and on the instant of the receipt of the tidings was setting forth. If it came unopposed, as it had every right to expect it would, there could be but one result to his nation.

It seemed an eternity of time as he watched the reflector.

Suddenly one of the ships disappeared in a blotch which sent confused shadows over the reflector. Montrus trembled in his excitement.

The pictures grew clear for an instant. Then another blur—a quick succession of blurs, between which he could see nothing.

He grew dizzy, and held tightly to the supports of the reflector to steady himself. His unblinking eyes were so held by the grim, silent chaos of destruction portrayed before him, that the seeing faculty seemed a thing apart from him and separated completely by his dazed condition.

The tumultuous heaving and blurring on the reflector cleared away. It revealed a torn and shattered fleet—two-thirds of the ships had vanished completely, others beating feebly and in their last efforts, others slowly sinking through the air, a few trying to escape from an unseen terror.

General Montrus, veteran though he was, shuddered at the horror of the sight. Unseen, unheard, softly through the thick darkness, the wireless death had swept that proud aerial fleet out of existence in one tense instant. And Atsins, the shock-headed youth, was the destroyer, sitting calmly up there in the sending station, with one soiled hand on the lever of his great, terrible concentrator. It was he who had utilized the means formerly used to send messages, to bear intelligence across boundless areas, which, increased a hundred thousand-fold in voltage, had now carried absolute destruction.

Still breathing heavily, Montrus threw off the hood, coming back to the utter blackness and the drizzle of the Washington night.

A bulletin was flashed on the board which carried the duplicates from Curtis.

"Fleet gone—Vanished in Convulsion—Pictures Actual and Accurate Disturbance not caused by defects but by destruction of fleet—Can't explain it, but America is saved."

Montrus turned the wireless teletype on to the sending station, and saw Atsins sitting quietly on a box in one corner of the little room, gravely smoking a short pipe, his shock of blonde hair badly rumpled, a smile on his freckled face. "Atsins"—the commander-in-chief was trying hard to control his voice—Atsins. You have saved us. It is all over. Their fleet was annihilated."

It seemed to the old soldier, veteran of a dozen campaigns, absurdly impossible that the safety of a great nation should have been put into the hands of that grimy boy in blue overalls.

"It worked all right, didn't it?" Atsins answered calmly.

"Come over here," Montrus went on. "Hurry and come. To-morrow Congress'll be giving you a vote of thanks; you'll be a bigger man than old Dewey ever was."

A troubled frown came on Atsins' face. "Excuse me, please, general," he said. "I'm going back to the shop. I've just thought of a big improvement on my concentrator. Good night."

Longest Climb in the World.

Imagine making the ascent of Mount Washington by means of a staircase. But a feat akin to this many travellers in China have accomplished in going to the top of the holy mountain, some six thousand feet above Taingan-fu. The road leading to it is the best in all the kingdom. About a mile north of the city walls stands a large gate amid the ruins of a once flourishing suburb. Leading from this gate the road is lined with temples, convents and shrines, where pilgrims stop to pray if they are fortunate enough to rid themselves of the hordes of beggars.

Where the real ascent begins there is a stone portal which is inscribed with the fact that here the great Confucius halted 2,600 years ago, not having the strength to ascend the six thousand stone steps leading to the top. These Taischan stairs are by far the highest in the world, for, taking the number of steps in one story of an ordinary house to be twenty, the number of Taischan steps equals three hundred stories. The coolies will carry a pilgrim up the stairs and back, a distance of twice sixteen miles, for thirty cents—fifteen cents for each coolie. When the ascent is made one finds himself upon a large plateau, which is covered with numerous temples and stone monuments. The main temple is that of the holy mother, consisting of several buildings surrounded by a stone wall. The several courts are adorned with magnificent statues and monuments of bronze, with a huge statue of the holy mother on the altar. These doors are opened once only each year, when an imperial commission comes to collect the money offerings of the pilgrims. By means of a substantial "tip" the guard may be induced to push the bar of the main gate aside, so that one may have a glimpse within. The floor of this large temple is usually filled with a heap of coins of every description, size and value, probably representing \$10,000 in American currency. The money is divided among the convents and beggars of the holy mountain, but the largest share goes into the pockets of that enterprising lady, the Dowager Empress.

In all Cuban cigar factories in the West Indies, Key West and Tampa, a public reader is employed. This man occupies a high seat and reads aloud newspapers, magazines and novels to the cigar-makers as they work.

"THE DECIDER"

A New Trap for Women Who Hesitate About What to Buy.

An ingenious attempt is now being made in some of the big department establishments to assist the opinions of undecided women who come to shop.

Every salesman and every saleswoman knows the woman who haunts the bargain sales, flutters from counter to counter, is shown goods until the attendants are driven to distraction, thinks she will buy everything, and finally invests in a yard and a half of pink ribbon, simple because she is absolutely incapable of making up her own mind as to what she wants.

Drapers have long tolerated this form of mental weakness. Now they have revolted, and the day of the "Decider" has come.

The Decider is an American institution, and Gibsonian at that. She is beautiful as to face and features, and always gowned to perfection. Her duty is to induce the doubtful to buy.

To the customer she appears as a customer, with the earnest intense "sale face" that one now sees every day in the big stores.

She sees a customer a little worse dressed than herself hesitating over the purchase of a dress length of chiffon velvet. The shopman has done his best to persuade the lady that it is the superlative bargain of the season.

"You ought to take it at once, madam," he says, eagerly; "if you leave it to think the matter over, you will regret it."

"I suppose so," the lady says, "but I want to look about first; it is so hard to decide—an evening gown is so very important." And she surveys the dress length again from three different angles.

Entrapping the Victim.

It is now the Decider's moment to step in. Pretending to have noticed the chiffon velvet, for the first time, she thrusts out a perfectly gloved hand, and eagerly catches hold of an end of the material. She hangs it up against her figure, and looks at it admiringly. The doubtful lady looks annoyed, gives the chiffon a tug, but the Decider holds on.

"If you are not going to buy this dress length," she says, "I will take it. It is the only one I suppose," she adds, turning to the attendant, and is told it is.

Meanwhile the genuine customer has observed the exquisite "turn out" of the eager "sale-hawk," as she imagines the Decider to be. If she elegant a person is anxious to buy the stuff it must be worth securing, she argues, so without further doubt she says sharply:

"But I am going to take it." The transaction is closed, and the seemingly chagrined Decider disappears.

Having settled this little business of the chiffon velvet she sails off to the fur department.

Here she fixes on a sallow-faced young wife, who has brought her husband to help in the choice of a set of furs.

"Do you like it, dear?" the lanky girl-wife asks, holding up a white boa. "Is \$22 too much for this, and the muff?"

She has \$400 a year of her own, and he has his pay as a lieutenant in the artillery, so he decides to be gracious. "No, \$22 isn't too much," he replies, but isn't the whole thing a bit too light—for— he stops.

Then another is brought out but he objects to it too. "I hate these ashy-colored things," he says petulantly. "Oh! take it off."

"Well, dear, what am I to do? You think the first one is too light and the other one is too ashy." The tone is despairing.

"Try this one on again madam," says the saleswoman, and the wife turns to take it but it is gone. She finds herself confronted with the elegant figure of the Decider, who has arrayed herself in the boa and a bolster muff.

The young wife looks at her husband and sees his eyes fixed on the charming vision of bright hair, bright eyes, gleaming teeth, and warm complexion, set off by the fluffy softness of the boa and muff. Entirely forgetful of her own sallow appearance, she quickly makes up her mind to have that boa—it is so very becoming.

"I think dear," she says to her husband, "that this is just what I want. I am sure mamma would like it. Her husband is still gazing at the pretty "Decider" arrayed in the boa, and answers her jerkily.

"Yes, it's pretty," he says, absent-mindedly, "awfully becoming to—yes, it is so clean and fresh-looking, isn't it?" You can't do better; have it." In another second the boa and muff are both in the shop girl's hands, and the pale wife is giving her address.

The Decider is liberably paid. She draws a regular salary, and in addition receives a commission on all sales effected through her interference. The profession opens up a new vista for attractive women whom circumstances have forced into the labor market.

Fine Indian Photographs.

We recently published an illustration of Indian Twins which should have been credited to Major Lee Moorehouse of Pendleton, Oregon, who has perhaps one of the best collection of Indian pictures of the north west. Major Moorehouse's famous pictures of the Cayuse Twins has had more recognition, perhaps, than any other Indian photograph ever taken and he has now issued an album containing other striking pictures. "The Last Outpost of a Dying Race" is a picturesque photograph of a lone Indian tepee or wigwam with a background of dark landscape, suggestive in the extreme of the title of the picture. Many of the Moorehouse pictures attracted much attention at the Lewis and Clarke Exposition.

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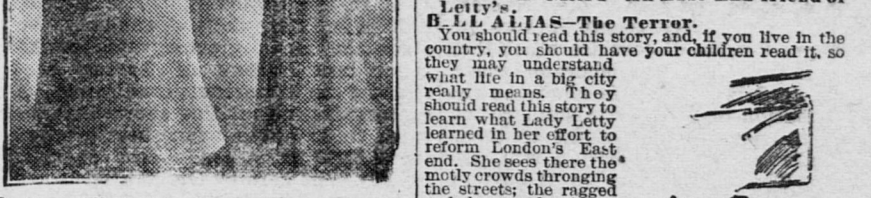
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